GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD JANUARY, 2018

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET PROJECT

2570. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has monitored the status of implementation of Bharat Net project in all Gram Panchayats for effective rollout of various initiatives under the Digital India programme;

(b)   if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially for the State of Punjab;

(c)   whether the Government has instituted an independent body to check the implementation status and to ensure mobile and broadband connectivity to deficient areas in Punjab and other such States; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b)   The Government is monitoring the status of implementation of BharatNet project in all Gram Panchayats.   The State-wise details of the implementation status of BharatNet project is at **Annexure.** In Punjab, as on 24.12.2017, Optical Fibre connectivity has been provided to 7,339 GPs by laying 11,153 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) and 5,085 GPs are Service Ready.

(c) & (d)   Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), which is the executing agency of the Project, monitors the BharatNet project. Two committees in Department of Telecommunications have been set up for monitoring and issue resolution. These are:

   (i) Empowered Committee under Secretary, Department of Telecommunications

   (ii) Steering Committee headed by Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)

   TERM Cells located in States oversee and evaluate, operation and functioning of Telecom networks.

State/UT-wise status of BharatNet (as on 24.12.2017)

S. No	State/UT	GPs for which Optical Fibre Cable Laid	Optical Fibre Cable Laid	No. of Service Ready GPs
	Units	GPs	(Km)	GPs
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	283	766	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	402	1116	14
4	Assam	1435	4223	1357
5	Bihar	4969	13379	4958
6	Chandigarh	12	19	13
7	Chhattisgarh	3547	10597	3024
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
9	Daman & Diu	5	7	0
10	Gujarat	5234	11928	3967
11	Haryana	5931	11005	5714
12	Himachal Pradesh	190	556	156
13	Jammu & Kashmir	243	494	166
14	Jharkhand	1951	5253	1348
15	Karnataka	6069	12935	6063
16	Kerala	1129	830	1129
17	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	11920	35750	9101
19	Maharashtra	12983	29042	12854
20	Manipur	234	484	93
21	Meghalaya	214	564	97
22	Mizoram	91	526	18
23	Nagaland	550	1787	61
24	Odisha	3237	8948	2397
25	Puducherry	98	92	101
26	Punjab	7339	11153	5085
27	Rajasthan	7934	22651	7917
28	Sikkim	0	0	0
29	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0
30	Telangana	2038	4488	1945
31	Tripura	816	1680	455
32	Uttar Pradesh	25985	53887	24822
33	Uttarakhand	1463	2983	1403
34	West Bengal	1935	5404	1781
	Total	**108237**	**252547**	**96039**

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