

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4334
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2018**

MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARAT NET

4334. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government monitors the status of implementation of Bharat Net project in all Gram Panchayats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the State of Gujarat and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has constituted an independent body to check the implementation status of the said project and to ensure mobile and broadband connectivity in deficient areas of the country including Gujarat and 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) Yes, Madam. The implementation of BharatNet project is being monitored in the country including Gujarat. Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), which is the executing agency for the Project, monitors the BharatNet project on a regular basis. Two committees in the Department of Telecommunications have been set up for monitoring and resolution of issues.

These Committees are:

- (i) Empowered Committee under Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
- (ii) Steering Committee headed by Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)

The State/UT-wise details of the Gram Panchayats, connected under the BharatNet project, are given in **Annexure-I**.

(c) Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) is the executing agency for BharatNet project to connect all Gram Panchayats in the country, including in Gujarat, by Broadband. Controllers of Communication Accounts (CCAs) and Licensed Service Area (LSA) field units of Department of Telecommunications (DoT) monitor the mobile and broadband connectivity, including at GP level.

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State/UT-wise Status of BharatNet (as on 11.03.2018)

Sr. No	State/UT	Service Ready GPs
1	Arunachal Pradesh	14
2	Assam	1464
3	Bihar	4962
4	Chandigarh	13
5	Chhattisgarh	3559
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
7	Daman & Diu	0
8	Gujarat	4565
9	Haryana	5803
10	Himachal Pradesh	162
11	Jammu & Kashmir	169
12	Jharkhand	1504
13	Karnataka	6071
14	Kerala	1129
15	Lakshadweep	0
16	Madhya Pradesh	11102
17	Maharashtra	13437
18	Manipur	123
19	Meghalaya	122
20	Mizoram	18
21	Nagaland	61
22	Odisha	2402
23	Puducherry	101
24	Punjab	6761
25	Rajasthan	8150
26	Sikkim	4
27	Tamil Nadu	0
28	Telangana	2042
29	Tripura	489
30	Uttar Pradesh	26940
31	Uttarakhand	1361
32	West Bengal	2020
33	Andaman & Nicobar	0
34	Andhra Pradesh	0
Total		104548
