

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4486**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

**Optical Fibre Net Services**

**4486. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:**

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the extension of Optical Fibre Net Services to the Panchayats in the country has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which this facility is likely to be extended to all the Gram Panchayats in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India is implementing BharatNet project in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the nearly 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the country. The Phase - I of the project has been completed in December 2017 and as on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, 1,13,467 GPs have been connected and 1,04,548 GPs are service ready. The remaining GPs are planned in Phase-II, through State Governments, public and private sectors by using an optical mix of media. The project is targeted to be completed by March, 2019.

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