

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH APRIL, 2018**

PROJECT REPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARAT NET PROJECT

†6187. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be please to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the project report for the implementation of the Bharat Net Project; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such projects completed and lying pending in Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) A modified strategy to implement BharatNet Project was approved by the Union Cabinet on 19.07.2017. BharatNet Project is being implemented in a phased manner to connect all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) by broadband in the country. In December 2017, the Phase-I of BharatNet has been completed by connecting one lakh GPs. As on 25.03.2018, by laying 2,68,963 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), a total of 1,13,964 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have connected, out of which 1,04,889 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready.

Phase-II of BharatNet Project provides optimal mix of media to connect GPs, implementation by State-led Model, Private Sector, CPSU Model, laying of fresh fibre from Block. As part of this project, the last mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology, is to be provided at all the GPs in the country. The project is targeted to be completed by March 2019.

In Madhya Pradesh, the total numbers of Gram Panchayats are 22,946 (approx). In the State, Phase-I of BharatNet Project is being implemented through BSNL. As on 25.03.2018, in Madhya Pradesh, by laying 37,929 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), a total of 12,336 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been connected, of which 11,137 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready. Phase-II of the BharatNet Project is being implemented under CPSU- led model through BSNL in Madhya Pradesh. All the GPs in Madhya Pradesh are to be completed by March 2019.
