

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 189  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018**

**STATUS OF BHARAT NET PROJECT IN KRISHNA DISTRICT**

189. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether not a single gram panchayat has been made operational under Bharat Net Project in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reasons for the delay in implementation of the phase II of the said project;
- (c) the expected timeline for completion of the said project; and
- (d) whether the aforesaid project will be completely made operational within the time frame fixed by the Government and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet Project is being implemented in a phased manner and Krishna District is being implemented in phase-II under State led model by the Andhra Pradesh Government. All the Gram Panchayats of Krishna District are to be covered in Phase-II. Tenders for Phase-II have been floated and bids have been received by the State. Phase-II of the project was approved by the Cabinet on 19.07.2017. The State's Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Phase-II was approved by the Telecom Commission on 08.09.2017. After that, bidding process has been initiated by the State.

(c) & (d) The project is expected to be completed by March 2019.

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