

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 243
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th DECEMBER, 2018**

INTERNET SERVICE IN GRAM PANCHAYATS

†243. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been planned to connect every gram panchayat of the country to the internet service;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details including Rajasthan at present;
- (c) the time by which the gram panchayats will be connected with internet;
- (d) whether it is true that internet work is not done smoothly in gram panchayats connected with internet;
- (e) whether the Government has prepared any work plan for its monitoring; and
- (f) 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) BharatNet project, to connect by broadband all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country, including Rajasthan is being implemented in a phased manner. As part of BharatNet project, the Last Mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology to access broadband/ internet services, is being implemented at all the GPs in the country. The Wi-Fi network under the project is to provide internet services to average 3 Government Institutions at GP level such as Police Station, Post Office, School, Hospital and through two other Access Points (APs). In all, on an average, 5 Wi-Fi APs are planned for each GP. In Rajasthan, Wi-Fi Services at all the 10,000 (approx.) Gram Panchayats will be provided through Government of Rajasthan/RISL (a PSU of State Government).

(c) BharatNet is planned to be completed by March 2019.

(d) No, Madam

(e) & (f) The following monitoring mechanism is in place to monitor the project:

- a. Empowered Committee, headed by Secretary, Department of Telecom.
- b. Steering Committee, headed by Administrator, USOF

Status of State/UT-wise GPs where broadband connectivity is provided

Sr. No	State/UT	GPs where Optical Fiber cable laid and equipment installed
1	Andhra Pradesh	1160
2	Arunachal Pradesh	43
3	Andaman & Nicobar	0
4	Assam	1589
5	Bihar	5865
6	Chandigarh	13
7	Chhattisgarh	4052
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	21
9	Daman & Diu	17
10	Gujarat	5113
11	Haryana	6186
12	Himachal Pradesh	226
13	Jammu & Kashmir	257
14	Jharkhand	2302
15	Karnataka	6110
16	Kerala	1129
17	Madhya Pradesh	12689
18	Maharashtra	15126
19	Manipur	248
20	Meghalaya	122
21	Mizoram	19
22	Nagaland	86
23	Odisha	3470
24	Puducherry	101
25	Punjab	7903
26	Rajasthan	8447
27	Sikkim	14
28	Telangana	2047
29	Tripura	527
30	Uttar Pradesh	27940
31	Uttarakhand	1508
32	West Bengal	2081
	Total	116411
