

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3631
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND JANUARY, 2019**

PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION NETWORK

3631. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for the development of Communication network in the rural areas from various State Governments including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the said proposals have been sanctioned by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) BharatNet project is being implemented to create broadband infrastructure for provision of connectivity to all 2.5 lakh (approx.) Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country and Phase-I of the project to connect 1 lakh GPs has been completed in December, 2017. For expediting the implementation of BharatNet project in the country, a modified strategy to implement BharatNet Phase-II was approved by Cabinet on 19.07.2017. The approved strategy, inter alia, provides implementation through State-led Model, Private Sector, and CPSU Model.

Based on the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) received, the Digital Communications Commission has approved the implementation of BharatNet Phase-II, with funding from Government of India, under State led model in 8 States namely Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.

The State-wise details are as follows:

S. No.	State	No. of GPs
1	Andhra Pradesh	11254
2	Telangana	6814
3	Maharashtra	12740
4	Jharkhand	1684
5	Tamil Nadu	12524
6	Gujarat	7692
7	Chhattisgarh	5964
8	Odisha	2945
	Total	61617
