

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 376
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th DECEMBER, 2018**

BROADBAND/INTERNET FACILITY

†376. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of gram panchayats in Rajasthan where broadband connectivity has not reached so far;
- (b) the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) the names of cities in Rajasthan where 4G facility is being provided by BSNL;
- (d) the details thereof; and
- (e) the work plan chalked out by the Government to extend internet facilities in tribal areas of Rajasthan?

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 all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country by broadband, including Rajasthan, is being implemented in a phased manner. Under this project, 1859 Gram Panchayats (GPs) are yet to be provided with Broadband connectivity in Rajasthan (District-wise details at **Annexure-I**).

(c) & (d) BSNL has not provided 4G facility in the State of Rajasthan.

(e) BharatNet project also covers tribal areas of Rajasthan. This project is under implementation and the infrastructure created is national asset, accessible on non-discriminatory basis to the Service Providers. In Rajasthan, as on 02.12.2018, OFC laying & equipment installation has been completed at 8,447 GPs (including BHQ), which are Service Ready. The connectivity to the remaining Gram Panchayats is under implementation.

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 provided at all the GPs in the country. Every GP is being provided with an average 5 Access Points (APs), i.e. 2 APs at Public places & 3 APs at Government Institutions such as school, hospital, post offices, police station, etc.

Wi-Fi hotspots at the Gram Panchayats in Rajasthan are being provided through Government of Rajasthan/RISL (a PSU of State Government), with funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). So far, Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed at 6,500 GPs and services are being provided at 2,802 GPs in the State.

Annexure-I**Status of District-wise GPs where broadband connectivity is yet to be provided in Rajasthan**

S.No	Name of district	Number of GPs
1.	Ajmer	6
2.	Alwar	48
3.	Banswara	241
4.	Baran	37
5.	Barmer	329
6.	Bharatpur	31
7.	Bhilwara	0
8.	Bikaner	37
9.	Bundi	10
10.	Chittorgarh	25
11.	Churu	6
12.	Dausa	27
13.	Dholpur	78
14.	Dungarpur	215
15.	Hanumangarh	3
16.	Jaipur	27
17.	Jaisalmer	67
18.	Jalore	10
19.	Jhalawar	1
20.	Jhunjhunu	0
21.	Jodhpur	210
22.	Karauli	75
23.	Kota	2
24.	Nagaur	14
25.	Pali	18
26.	Pratapgarh	58
27.	Rajsamand	11
28.	Sikar	6
29.	Sirohi	15
30.	Sriganganagar	96
31.	Swaimadhopur	9
32.	Tonk	4
33.	Udaipur	143
	Total	1859
