

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

SCHEMES FOR INTERNET AND 4G SERVICES IN RAJASTHAN

529. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes formulated by Central Government to expand internet services in the rural areas of the country including Rajasthan; and
- (b) the names of cities of Rajasthan covered under 4G services at present and names of important cities and tourist places where 4G services would be made available by the end of the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) For attaining the vision of Digital India and expanding the internet / broadband services in rural areas, BharatNet (one of the biggest rural telecom projects of the world) is being implemented in a phased manner for providing Broadband infrastructure to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country, including Rajasthan.

As on 27.01.2019, a total of 1,23,489 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been connected by laying 3,10,097 km underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) and 1,16,876 GPs have been made Service Ready, and in the remaining GPs the project is under implementation.

In Rajasthan, as on 27.01.2019, by laying 28,027 km Optical Fibre Cable; a total of 8,575 GPs have been connected by OFC, out of which 8,466 GPs are Service Ready.

Further, as part of this flagship 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, on an average, 5 Access Points (APs), i.e. 2 APs at Public places & 3 APs at Government Institutions such as school, hospital, post office, police station, etc.

(b) All the District Head Quarters of Rajasthan (33 Districts) and all the important cities and major tourist places falling under them are covered by 4G Services.
