

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.596  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**FUNDS RELEASED**

†596. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds released to Sonapat in Haryana and Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of this Ministry;
- (b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;
- (c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and
- (d) the reasons for non-completion of the said work?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The details of the funds released to Sonapat in Haryana under various schemes of Ministry of Communications during current Financial Year is as below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Funds Released Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>Funds Utilised till Dec. 2018</b>
1.	Bharat Net Phase I up to Dec. 2018	Nil	Nil
2.	Postal Operations	4,60,000.00	2,48,644.00
3.	India Post Payments Bank	1,40,000.00	1,01,233.00

The details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of Ministry of Communications during current Financial Year is as below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Funds Released Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>Funds Utilised till Dec. 2018</b>
1.	Bharat Net Phase I up to Dec. 2018	98,21,000.00	98,21,000.00
2.	Postal Operations	11,54,244.60	11,31,642.60
3.	Human Resource Management	56,900.00	40,000.00
4.	Estates	14,00,000.00	14,00,000.00

(c) & (d) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner for providing Broadband connectivity to approx. 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats in the country including those in Sonapat in Haryana and Darbhanga in Bihar. In Sonapat (Haryana), all the 330 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made Service Ready. In Darbhanga (Bihar), 221 GPs including Block Headquarters (BHQs) have been made Service Ready out of total 349 GPs (including BHQ) in the District. The remaining GPs are being implemented in Phase-II of the project for which work is in progress.

The Department of Posts under various schemes have opened 1 Post Office Passport Sewa Kendra, 13 Aadhar Enrolment and Updation Centres, 1 branch and 178 Access Points of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) in Sonapat District of Haryana and 8 Aadhar Enrolment and Updation Centres, 1 branch and 373 Access Points of IPPB in Darbhanga District of Bihar to provide citizen centric and banking services to the customers.

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