

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2761
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019**

OPTICAL FIBRE IN SARAN DISTRICT

2761. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of optical fibre laid under Bharat Net Project in the Saran district of Bihar along with the target set and achieved in this regard in the said district; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to completely cover the district under the said project and the time by which it is likely to be done along with the fund allocation made by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a)& (b) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity at all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country, including Saran District of Bihar.

Saran District has a total 339 Gram Panchayats (GPs). By laying 605 km optical fibre cable, 175 GPs have been made Service Ready and the remaining GPs are under implementation. All the GPs in the District are targeted to be connected by March 2020.

The total estimated cost of BharatNet project, approved by the Cabinet on July 19, 2017, is Rs. 42,068 crore. The funds are allocated for the project as a whole and not District-wise.
