

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2766
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019**

BROADBAND SERVICES IN BANKA AND JAMUI DISTRICTS

†2766. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the broadband services in Banka and Jamui Districts of Bihar so that network facility may be increased in rural areas of these districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the works carried out regarding laying down optical fibre in the said districts so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Yes Sir, BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity at all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country, including Banka and Jamui Districts of Bihar.

In Banka District, out of total 196 Gram Panchayats (GPs), a total of 20 GPs have been covered in Phase-I and all these GPs have been made Service Ready by laying 35.14 km optical fibre cable. In Jamui District, out of total 163 GPs, a total of 9 GPs have been covered in Phase-I and all these GPs have been made Service Ready by laying 28.32 km optical fibre cable. All the remaining GPs in these two Districts are being covered under BharatNet Phase-II which is under implementation.
