GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1172
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2022

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION AND UTILIZATION FOR BHARATNET

1172. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:
       SHRI ARUN SAO:
       SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
       SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the details of budgetary allocation and utilization for BharatNet project at present, State/UT-wise including in Bilaspur, Durg and Chatra Parliamentary Constituencies;

(b)   whether it is a fact that BharatNet project has connected all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the country with high-speed optical fibre cable network and optimal mix of media i.e. optical fibre cable/ radio/satellite therein;

(c)   if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d)   the number of GPs including in Bilaspur, Mungeli, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi districts of Chhattisgarh, Chatra and Latehar, Durg and Bemetara districts of Jharkhand, which have been connected with optical fibre cable/radio/satellite, at present, State/UT-wise thereto; and

(e)   the steps being taken by the Government to improve the broadband connectivity with Gram Panchayats?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a)   The State/UT-wise details of budgetary allocation / utilisation/ disbursement of Funds for BharatNet project upto September 2022, including Bilaspur, Durg and Chatra Parliamentary Constituencies is given in **Annexure-I.**

(b) & (c)   On 19.07.2017, Union Cabinet approved the BharatNet project to provide broadband connectivity to approximately 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country out of which 1,84,399 GPs have been made service ready. BharatNet is a challenging project of mega nature as the Gram Panchayats (GPs) are widely dispersed across the country in rural and remote areas. The reason for delay in the implementation of the BharatNet are as under:

1. Delay in project implementation because of multiple challenges in remote and far-flung rural areas, involvement of multiple agencies, and slow progress by implementing agencies.
2. Delay in Right of Way clearances from Government Instrumentalities regulating forest land, railway lines, defense areas, highways, oil and gas pipelines or any other agencies or departments.

(d)   The States/UT wise detail of Gram Panchayats which have been made Service Ready on optical fibre cable/radio/satellite under the BharatNet Project is given in **Annexure-II.**

The number of Gram Panchayats in Bilaspur, Mungeli, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi Durg and Bemetara Districts of Chhattisgarh, Latehar and Chatra Districts of Jharkhand, which have been connected with optical fibre cable/radio/satellite is as given below:

Name of State	District	Service ready GPs
Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	425
	Mungeli,	307
	Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi	150
	Durg	287
	Bemetara	352
Jharkhand	Chatra	152
	Latehar	106

(e)   On 30.06.2021, Union Cabinet has accorded in principle approval for extending BharatNet to cover all inhabited villages in the States and UTs.

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1172 to be answered on 14.12.2022

The State/UT-wise details of budgetary allocation / utilisation/ disbursement of Funds for BharatNet project upto September 2022, including Bilaspur, Durg and Chatra Parliamentary Constituencies

S. No.	Name of States/UT	Figures in Rs. crore
1	Andaman & Nicobar	28.66
2	Assam	277.86
3	Bihar	1432.93
4	Chandigarh	0.05
5	Chhattisgarh	2545.10
6	Haryana	539.77
7	Jammu & Kashmir	281.16
8	Karnataka	1099.69
9	Kerala	265.43
10	Maharashtra	4633.41
11	Madhya Pradesh	3796.02
12	Punjab	1297.31
13	Rajasthan	1410.04
14	Uttar Pradesh	4613.66
15	Uttarakhand	363.58
16	West Bengal	510.11
17	Sikkim	118.94
18	Puducherry	7.70
19	NE-I (Mizoram, Meghalaya & Tripura)	301.09
20	NE-II (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland & Manipur)	300.14
21	Gujarat, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	3095.12
22	Lakshadweep	9.90
23	Telangana	1741.45
24	Odisha	1149.33
25	Jharkhand	888.18
26	Himachal Pradesh	121.60
27	Andhra Pradesh	874.96
28	Tamil Nadu	299.27
29	Ladakh	0.69
	Total	**31429.69**

Annexure referred to in Part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1172 to be answered on 14.12.2022

The States/UT wise detail of Gram Panchayats which have been made Service Ready on optical fibre cable/radio/satellite under the BharatNet Project

S. No.	State/UT	Total Service ready (excluding BHQs)
1	Assam	1511
2	Bihar	8316
3	Chhattisgarh	9451
4	Haryana	6082
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1091
6	Karnataka	6084
7	Kerala	978
8	Madhya Pradesh	17776
9	Maharashtra	23597
10	Punjab	12668
11	Rajasthan	8770
12	Uttar Pradesh (E)	29566
13	Uttar Pradesh (W)	10252
14	Uttarakhand	1760
15	West Bengal	2507
16	Sikkim	26
17	Chandigarh	12
18	Lakshadweep	9
19	Arunachal Pradesh	769
20	Nagaland	232
21	Manipur	1458
22	Mizoram	452
23	Tripura	727
24	Meghalaya	681
25	Gujarat	14227
26	Daman & Diu	18
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20
28	Puducherry	98
29	Andhra Pradesh	4281
30	Telangana	8716
31	Odisha	6779
32	Jharkhand	4335
33	Himachal Pradesh	408
34	Ladakh	192
35	Goa	0
36	Tamil Nadu	499
37	Andaman & Nicobar	51
	Total	**184399**

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