

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2022**

BHARATNET PROJECT

1199. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of BharatNet Project and the State/UT-wise list of the percentage of Gram Panchayats which have been covered under it;
- (b) the details of the Gram Panchayats and Blocks that the Government has proposed to cover under Phase I and Phase II of BharatNet project in Rajasthan;
- (c) the number of public WiFi hotspots set up in rural areas under the BharatNet project, district-wise for the State of Rajasthan; and
- (d) the details of the third Phase of BharatNet Project and its extension to the districts of Rajasthan?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2.6 lakh) in the country. Now, the scope of the project has been expanded up to all inhabited villages. State/UT-wise list of the percentage of Gram Panchayats which have been made service ready under BharatNet Project is given in **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Under Phase-I and Phase-II of BharatNet project in Rajasthan, out of 11,352 Planned Gram Panchayats (GPs) and 221 Block Headquarters (BHQs), 8770 GPs and 221 BHQs have been made Service Ready, as on 28.11.2022.
- (c) The District-wise details of the number of public Wi-Fi hotspots installed in rural areas under the BharatNet project in Rajasthan are given in **Annexure-II**.
- (d) The scope of BharatNet project has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, with the completion timeline as 2025, including for the State of Rajasthan.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1199 for answer on 14.12.2022

State/UT-wise list of the percentage of Gram Panchayats which have been made service ready under BharatNet

S. No.	State	Total planned (excluding BHQs) GPs	Total Service ready (excluding BHQs)	Percentage of covered GPs
1	Andaman & Nicobar	70	51	72.86
2	Andhra Pradesh	13420	4281	31.90
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1796	769	42.82
4	Assam	2665	1511	56.70
5	Bihar	8404	8316	98.95
6	Chandigarh	12	12	100.00
7	Chhattisgarh	11676	9451	80.94
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and	38	38	100.00
9	Goa	191	0	0.00
10	Gujarat	14288	14227	99.57
11	Haryana	6256	6082	97.22
12	Himachal Pradesh	3616	408	11.28
13	Jammu & Kashmir	4299	1091	25.38
14	Jharkhand	4399	4335	98.55
15	Karnataka	6090	6084	99.90
16	Kerala	978	978	100.00
17	Ladakh	193	192	99.48
18	Lakshadweep	10	9	90.00
19	Madhya Pradesh	22841	17776	77.82
20	Maharashtra	28238	23597	83.56
21	Manipur	2782	1458	52.41
22	Meghalaya	1792	681	38.00
23	Mizoram	762	452	59.32
24	Nagaland	983	232	23.60
25	Odisha	6796	6779	99.75
26	Puducherry	110	98	89.09
27	Punjab	13337	12668	94.98
28	Rajasthan	11352	8770	77.26
29	Sikkim	185	26	14.05
30	Tamil Nadu	12524	499	3.98
31	Telangana	12769	8716	68.26
32	Tripura	1114	727	65.26
33	Uttar Pradesh	59365	39818	67.07
34	Uttarakhand	7936	1760	22.18
35	West Bengal	3348	2507	74.88
	Total	264635	184399	69.68

Note:

- Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project.
- Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not taken up under Ph-I & Phase-II of BharatNet Project.
- Tamil Nadu State Government signed the MoU with Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) on 31.03.2017 for implementation of BharatNet project. Phase-I of BharatNet was accordingly not taken up in Tamil Nadu and the State's GPs are being implemented in Phase-II under State-Led model.

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1199 for answer on 14.12.2022

The District-wise details of the number of public Wi-Fi hotspots installed under the BharatNet project in Rajasthan

S. No.	District	Number of Wi-Fi Hotspot installed
1	Ajmer	268
2	Alwar	377
3	Banswara	301
4	Baran	209
5	Barmer	44
6	Bharatpur	360
7	Bhilwara	373
8	Bikaner	118
9	Bundi	184
10	Chittorgarh	290
11	Churu	210
12	Dausa	205
13	Dholpur	151
14	Dungarpur	245
15	Ganganagar	314
16	Hanumangarh	230
17	Jaipur	447
18	Jalore	229
19	Jhalawar	251
20	Jhunjhunu	242
21	Jodhpur	306
22	Jaisalmer	16
23	Karauli	224
24	Kota	156
25	Nagaur	365
26	Pali	310
27	Pratapgarh	152
28	Rajsamand	205
29	Sawai Madhopur	198
30	Sikar	288
31	Sirohi	142
32	Tonk	188
33	Udaipur	466
	Grand Total	8064
