

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st DECEMBER, 2022**

FTTH CONNECTIONS

**2455. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the process for releasing FTTH Connections in the BharatNet Phase-I districts of the States have been completed;
- (b) if so, the details and the status thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds so far allocated, released and utilised under BharatNet project in the country;
- (d) whether BSNL has prepared any action plan for Maharashtra and Odisha;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of villages proposed to be connected with internet service;
- (f) whether the State Governments of Maharashtra and Odisha has requested funds under special assistance to be utilised under BharatNet Phase II; and
- (g) if so, the details in this regard along with the action so far taken by the Union Government thereon?

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the country. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) undertakes the task of providing Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections in Gram Panchayats through Channel Partners. The State/UT-wise details of FTTH connections provided under BharatNet Phase-I is given in **Annexure**.

(c) As on 31.10.2022, Rs. 36,502.41 crore has been allocated /released/dispensed from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under BharatNet project.

(d) & (e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has developed Franchise Management System (FMS) for onboarding the Franchises / Local Entrepreneurs / Revenue Share Partners for providing FTTH connections using BharatNet also in the country, including Maharashtra and Odisha. The BharatNet Phase-II is implemented in Maharashtra and Odisha by the State Government under State-led model, which is also responsible for its utilization. The scope of BharatNet to provide broadband connectivity is extended to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, including Maharashtra and Odisha.

(f) & (g) Under Part-V (Optical Fibre Cable) of the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for the year 2022-23, the State Government of Maharashtra and Odisha have submitted proposal amounting to Rs. 611.37 Crore and Rs. 326.69 Crore respectively. Department of Telecommunications submitted these proposals along with recommendation to Department of Expenditure. As of now, Department of Expenditure has approved the capital expenditure on the Optical Fibre Cable Network amounting to Rs.286 Crore for the State of Maharashtra.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in Parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2455 for answer on 21.12.2022

State/UT-wise details of FTTH connections under BharatNet Phase-I (as on 12.12.2022)

S. No.	State/UT	FTTH Connections (Phase-I BharatNet)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	82
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,228
3	Arunachal Pradesh	88
4	Assam	1,121
5	Bihar	10,325
6	Chandigarh	64
7	Chhattisgarh	3,607
8	Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	15
9	Gujarat	4,872
10	Haryana	17,495
11	Himachal Pradesh	325
12	Jammu & Kashmir	1,526
13	Jharkhand	2,968
14	Karnataka	10,211
15	Kerala	4,107
16	Lakshadweep	0
17	Ladakh	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	6,583
19	Maharashtra	10,203
20	Manipur	331
21	Meghalaya	4
22	Mizoram	11
23	Nagaland	116
24	Odisha	2,433
25	Puducherry	52
26	Punjab	26,843
27	Rajasthan	1,215
28	Sikkim	6
29	Telangana	1,985
30	Tamil Nadu	91
31	Tripura	504
32	Uttar Pradesh	11,555
33	Uttarakhand	2,853
34	West Bengal	4,579
Total		1,29,398
