

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 411
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023**

**LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY UNDER BHARATNET
PROJECT**

***411. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the last mile connectivity scheme under BharatNet Project to connect every Gram Panchayat (GP) with internet services has been chalked out;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh at present, district-wise including district Amroha;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the internet services are not functioning properly in the GPs which were already connected with internet and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for monitoring the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 411 FOR 29TH MARCH, 2023 REGARDING “LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY UNDER BHARATNET PROJECT.”

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) including Villages, in the country. As on 06.03.2023, a total of 1,89,402 GPs has been made Service Ready under BharatNet. The infrastructure created under BharatNet project can be utilized by Service Providers for provisioning of broadband/internet services through Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections, leased lines, dark fibre, backhaul to mobile towers, etc.

Department has given responsibility to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for utilization of BharatNet, except BharatNet Phase-II under State-led model where State are responsible for utilization.

A pilot project for rolling out of 5 lakh FTTH connections using BharatNet through BharatNet Udyamis (BNUs) in GPs/Villages has also been assigned to BSNL.

Further, Government has approved proposals of States under Part-V (Optical Fibre Cable) of the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23 for Last Mile Connectivity (LMC) on the OFC to Government Institutions, Private Institutions and Households from BharatNet network.

The details of FTTH connections provided in the Districts of Uttar Pradesh, including Amroha District, are given in **Annexure-I**.

(c) to (e) The availability of internet services in the GPs which were already connected under BharatNet, depends on multiple factors such as maintenance of fibre, availability of electricity, etc. To ensure proper maintenance of fibre, Service Level Agreement (SLA) based Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for BharatNet, through professional agencies, has been entrusted to BSNL, except State-led model of BharatNet where the respective States are responsible for its maintenance. Further, BharatNet including its utilization is being monitored on real time basis centrally through Network Operating Centre (NOC), wherein alerts generated by the system are forwarded to the professional maintenance agencies for attending the faults in optical network.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 411 for answer on 29.03.2023

Details of FTTH connections provided in the Districts of Uttar Pradesh (as on 13.03.2023)

S. No.	District	No. of FTTH Connections Provided through BNUs
1	Agra	734
2	Aligarh	367
3	Amethi	88
4	Amroha	7
5	Ayodhya	105
6	Azamgarh	1
7	Ballia	2
8	Banda	214
9	Barabanki	238
10	Bareilly	137
11	Basti	31
12	Bhadohi	22
13	Bijnor	335
14	Budaun	47
15	Chandauli	109
16	Chitrakoot	24
17	Deoria	174
18	Etah	31
19	Etawah	78
20	Farrukhabad	63
21	Fatehpur	10
22	Firozabad	50
23	Gautam Buddha Nagar	113
24	Ghaziabad	3
25	Ghazipur	78
26	Gorakhpur	59
27	Hamirpur	25
28	Hapur	16
29	Hardoi	10
30	Hathras	153
31	Jalaun	61
32	Jaunpur	10
33	Jhansi	91
34	JP Nagar	10
35	Kannauj	94
36	Kanpur Dehat	146
37	Kanpur Nagar	97
38	Kasganj	40
39	Kaushambi	92
40	Kushi Nagar	16
41	Lalitpur	163

S. No.	District	No. of FTTH Connections Provided through BNUs
42	Lucknow	318
43	Mahoba	11
44	Mainpuri	10
45	Mathura	97
46	Meerut	1126
47	Mirzapur	90
48	Moradabad	64
49	Muzaffarnagar	371
50	Pratapgarh	138
51	Prayagraj	324
52	Rae Bareli	167
53	Rampur	14
54	Saharanpur	184
55	Sant Kabeer Nagar	66
56	Shahjahanpur	137
57	Sitapur	77
58	Sultanpur	138
59	Unnao	392
60	Varanasi	1427
	Total	9295
	No. of FTTH connections provided other than BNUs*	1362
	Grand Total	10657

*Data is not maintained District-wise.
