

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3565
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023**

HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

3565. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the Satara district of Maharashtra which have been provided with high speed internet connectivity under the BharatNet project in terms of the laying of the fibre network and other equipments;
- (b) the details of the total number of GPs in Satara district which have high speed internet connectivity already functional and in use;
- (c) the number of GPs still without high speed internet connectivity in Satara district of Maharashtra; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken to connect these uncovered villages in Satara district with high speed internet connectivity?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) BharatNet project (earlier known as National Optical Fibre Network Project) is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs). In Satara district of Maharashtra, out of 1501 GPs, 522 GPs are made service ready in BharatNet Phase-I. Further, 978 GPs are under implementation in BharatNet Phase-II in the State-led model by Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited (MahaIT), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of State Government and 491 GPs have been made service ready under Phase-II. Union Cabinet has accorded in principle approval for extending BharatNet to connect all inhabited villages (including GPs). The timeline for completion of BharatNet is 2025.
