GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3594 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023

FUNDS UNDER BHARATNET

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the BharatNet Scheme in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the targets fixed along with the achievements made under it in the Parliamentary Constituency of Badaun and Phulpur;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the number of villages which have not been covered so far under this scheme in Uttar Pradesh particularly Phulpur parliamentary constituency and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to cover all these villages under the said scheme at the earliest?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) to (d) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. As on 31.12.2022, Rs. 4349 Crore has been sanctioned/allocated/utilized during the last three years and the current year in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra under BharatNet project. The year-wise details of expenditure of the said States are given in **Annexure-I**. In Badaun, out of 1037 GPs, 630 GPs have been made Service Ready and in Phulpur, out of 585 GPs, 560 GPs has been made service ready.

Out of 1,03,895 planned villages/GPs in Uttar Pradesh, total 41,512 villages/GPs have been made Service Ready. The Union Cabinet on 30.06.2021 accorded approval for extending the scope of BharatNet to all inhabited villages in the country (including Uttar Pradesh).

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3594 to be answered on 22.03.2023

The details of funds sanctioned/allocated/utilized during the last three years and the current year in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra under BharatNet project

Rupees in crores

S. No.	Name of States	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (upto 31.12.2022)
1	Maharashtra	265	1475	414	468
2	Uttar Pradesh	643	480	233	371
