

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

4750. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Panchayats that have been earmarked for providing internet facilities under Bharat Net Programme for Tamil Nadu including in Dindigul Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) whether the Government is having any proposal to bring foreign companies to participate in the bidding process; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu is under implementation in 12,525 Gram Panchayats (GPs) including 252 GPs in Dindigul Parliamentary Constituency. The project is being implemented under State-led model through Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the State Government. Based on the outcome of an open bidding process, the work for implementation of BharatNet has been awarded for all the GPs in four packages.
- (b) & (c) Not applicable in view of reply in para (a) above.
