

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5490  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**FUNDS UNDER BHARATNET PROJECT**

**5490. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:  
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:  
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the BharatNet project in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Assam during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the villages connected with broadband facility under this project in the aforesaid States, so far;
- (c) whether the Government has also fixed any target under the project and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details about the number of the villages which have still not been covered under the said project to achieve the target in these States; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to cover the said villages faster?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Assam. As on 31.12.2022, Rs. 2551 Crore has been sanctioned/allocated/utilized during the last three years and the current year in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Assam under BharatNet project. The year-wise details of expenditure of the said States are given in **Annexure-I**. As on 06-03-2023, the Status of Gram Panchayats (GPs) which have been made service ready and which are to be connected under BharatNet to provide broadband facility are given in **Annexure-II**.

The Union Cabinet on 30.06.2021 accorded in-principle approval for extending the scope of BharatNet to all inhabited villages in the country (including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Assam).

**Annexure-I**

Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5490 to be answered on 05.04.2023

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

**Rupees in crores**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of States</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23 (upto 31.12.2022)</b>
1	Rajasthan	207	259	85	175
2	Uttar Pradesh	643	480	233	371
3	Assam	21	13	40	24

**Annexure-II**

Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5490 to be answered on 05.04.2023

**The details of villages connected with broadband facility under the BharatNet Project in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Assam under BharatNet project**

S. No.	Name of States	Status of BharatNet Phase-I & II as on 06.03.2023		
		Total GPs Planned under Phase-I & II	Service Ready GPs	GPs to be connected
1	Rajasthan	8777	8770	7
2	Uttar Pradesh	46999	41529	5470
3	Assam	1511	1511	0

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