

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2023**

BHARAT NET PROJECT

†2129. **SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of villages connected so far under the Bharat Net Project;
- (b) the time by when the remaining villages are likely to be connected under the said project; and
- (c) the details of the standards set for fiber cables under Bharat Net?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. The scope of BharatNet project has recently been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs with the completion timeline as 2025. 1,94,909 GPs have been made service ready as of June, 2023.

(c) Under BharatNet Phase-I, 24 core Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been used whereas in Phase-II, 48 & above core OFC has been used for underground OFC laying. Further, 24 & above core All Dielectric Self Supporting (ADSS) cable has been used in case of aerial OFC under BharatNet Phase-II.
