

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2167  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE**

**2167. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of villages connected with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of phase-wise completion of BharatNet including the original timelines for completion, actual dates of completion and current status of each phase; and
- (c) the details and the number of villages yet to be connected by OFC, State-wise including Jharkhand?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) that are made service ready on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) under BharatNet project during each of the last three years (cumulative) is given in table below:

March, 2021	March, 2022	March, 2023
1,50,781 GPs	1,69,922 GPs	1,85,736 GPs

- (b) The phase-wise details of completion of BharatNet including the original timelines for completion, actual dates of completion and current status of each phase as of June 2023 is given in table below:

Phase	Target GPs	Service ready GPs	Target date	Actual/expected completion date
Phase-I	1,00,000	1,00,000	December, 2017	December, 2017
Additional work front of Phase-I	20,206	20,040	March, 2019	December, 2023
Phase-II	1,02,363	74,869	March, 2019	March, 2024

41,811 GPs are planned to be connected through revised strategy which is under formulation and approval.

- (c) The details of villages yet to be connected by OFC under BharatNet, State-wise including Jharkhand as of June, 2023 is given at **Annexure-I**.

**Annexure-I**

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2167 for answer on 02.08.2023

**State/UT-wise details of villages yet to be connected by OFC under BharatNet**

S.No.	State/UT	Total villages (including GPs)	GPs where BharatNet connectivity extended	GPs/villages where BharatNet connectivity yet to be extended
1	Andaman & Nicobar	367	72	295
2	Andhra Pradesh	17368	5214	12154
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5545	996	4549
4	Assam	27914	1511	26403
5	Bihar	45212	8328	36884
6	Chandigarh	0	12	0
7	Chhattisgarh	20010	9587	10423
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	101	38	63
9	Goa#	396	0	396
10	Gujarat	18182	14264	3918
11	Haryana	7017	6082	935
12	Himachal Pradesh	19154	408	18746
13	Jammu & Kashmir	6855	1097	5758
14	Jharkhand	31172	4378	26794
15	Karnataka	32128	6084	26044
16	Kerala	1370	978	392
17	Ladakh	244	193	51
18	Lakshadweep	29	9	20
19	Madhya Pradesh	52547	17848	34699
20	Maharashtra	44036	23963	20073
21	Manipur	3811	1467	2344
22	Meghalaya	6797	682	6115
23	Mizoram	864	491	373
24	Nagaland	1626	232	1394
25	Odisha	51255	6785	44470
26	Puducherry	117	98	19
27	Punjab	13337	12668	669
28	Rajasthan	46354	8773	37581
29	Sikkim	414	35	379
30	Tamil Nadu	17287	3898	13389
31	Telangana	12769	9766	3003
32	Tripura	1021	731	290
33	Uttar Pradesh	103895	43634	60261
34	Uttarakhand	16113	1983	14130
35	West Bengal	39196	2604	36592
	<b>Total</b>	<b>644503</b>	<b>194909</b>	<b>449606</b>

# Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not taken up under Ph-I & Phase-II of BharatNet Project.

**Note:** Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project.

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