

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 604
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2023**

BHARATNET SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN

†604. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized in Rajasthan under BharatNet Scheme during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the targets set for the said scheme and the details of achievements made so far under the said scheme in Banswara-Dungarpur, Rajasthan; and
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in Rajasthan under the said scheme to find out number of villages in Rajasthan especially in Banswara-Dungarpur district which have not yet been covered under this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) As on 31.10.2023, total of Rs. 1794.73 crore has been allocated/ utilized under BharatNet Scheme for Rajasthan. Further, Rs. 790.95 crore has been allocated/ utilized during last three years (2020-21 to 2022-23) and current year (2023-24) in BharatNet Scheme.

(b) & (c) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Rajasthan. Further, scope of BharatNet Programme has been extended upto villages of the country including Banswara and Dungarpur District of Rajasthan. Amended BharatNet Programme has been approved by Cabinet on 04.08.2023, for upgradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, creation of network in balance 42,000 GPs (approx.), operation and maintenance for 10 years and utilization.

Under BharatNet Project in Rajasthan, 8,776 GPs out of 11,352 GPs have been made service ready. Further, the details of target and achievements made in Banswara- Dungarpur District of Rajasthan is as under:

Name of District	Planned GPs	Service Ready GPs
Banswara	417	115
Dungarpur	353	121
