

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2556
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2019**

INTERNET FACILITY IN GRAM PANCHAYATS

2556. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided internet facility in Gram Panchayats to extend the benefits of communication and information technology to the people living in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of fund released and utilised in this respect during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the total number of people who were benefited through the facility during the said period, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. As on 22.11.2019, by laying 3,85,754 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), a total of 1,42,086 GPs have been connected and of them, 1,28,990 have been made Service Ready. In addition, 983 GPs have been made Service Ready over satellite media.

As part of BharatNet project, the Last Mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology to access broadband/internet services, is to be provided at all the 2.5 lakh GPs in the country. Towards this end, provisioning of 2 Wi-Fi Access Points (APs) is under implementation in each of the GPs of BharatNet Phase-I. As of now, Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed at 45,769 GPs and out of them, services are being provided in 16,333 GPs. Further, 33,160 Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections have been provided.

(c) The State/UT-wise details of funds disbursed under BharatNet Project during each of the last three years are given in **Annexure-I**.

(d) The State/Union Territory-wise details are given in **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2556 for Answer on 04.12.2019.

Details of funds disbursed (released/utilised) under BharatNet Project (BBNL)**In Crore**

S.No.	State	Year 16-17	Year 17-18	Year 18-19
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1.85	0.16	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	84.80	181.21
3	Arunachal Pradesh	17.68	13.97	0.60
4	Assam	89.18	3.01	4.11
5	Bihar	190.10	22.54	48.37
6	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Chhattisgarh	241.20	236.82	239.56
8	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	129.80	230.41	311.01
9	Haryana	90.66	134.66	9.47
10	Himachal Pradesh	52.51	1.30	0.64
11	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	42.38	3.64	13.78
12	Jharkhand	81.39	48.13	112.13
13	Karnataka	1.25	224.69	23.84
14	Kerala	25.96	0.00	0.00
15	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Madhya Pradesh	451.96	190.22	153.61
17	Maharashtra	585.19	423.56	370.11
18	Manipur	18.52	14.63	3.13
19	Meghalaya	24.75	19.55	2.08
20	Mizoram	13.21	12.35	1.69
21	Nagaland	20.36	16.09	13.70
22	Odisha	115.81	46.90	77.86
23	Puducherry	2.23	0.53	0.00
24	Punjab	236.29	0.00	52.64
25	Rajasthan	162.47	108.27	122.47
26	Sikkim	43.23	0.58	0.00
27	Tamil Nadu	0.00	110.64	0.00
28	Telangana	8.24	112.28	7.43
29	Tripura	20.92	16.52	3.69
30	Uttar Pradesh (East)	423.17	10.51	126.85
31	Uttar Pradesh (West)	212.13	67.25	116.80
32	Uttarakhand	127.44	3.08	2.86
33	West Bengal	141.63	91.04	11.47
	GPON OFC	555.45	258.42	0.00
	Advance given to BSNL for UP (E) and Madhya Pradesh	0.00	2302.00	863.00
	Total	4126.94	4808.55	2874.09

Annexure referred to in Part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2556 for Answer on 04.12.2019.

Details of total number of Wi-Fi and FTTH subscribers are as follows:

S. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of active subscribers	
		Wi-Fi subscribers	FTTH subscribers
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	117
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
4	Assam	0	975
5	Bihar	19206	1143
6	Chandigarh	43	0
7	Chhattisgarh	33866	1218
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	9
9	Daman & Diu	0	9
10	Gujarat	0	1845
11	Haryana	64576	689
12	Himachal Pradesh	298	64
13	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	0	22
14	Jharkhand	32464	1051
15	Karnataka	89492	6787
16	Kerala	51852	1968
17	Lakshadweep	0	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	101945	640
19	Maharashtra	41349	4603
20	Manipur	20	0
21	Meghalaya	0	0
22	Mizoram	0	0
23	Nagaland	0	0
24	Odisha	8116	685
25	Puducherry	7004	78
26	Punjab	0	222
27	Rajasthan	0	1881
28	Sikkim	0	0
29	Tamil Nadu	0	0
30	Telangana	0	557
31	Tripura	0	22
32	Uttar Pradesh	675816	6768
33	Uttarakhand	65994	1072
34	West Bengal	0	735
	Total	1192041	33160
