

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2592  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**BHARATNET PROJECT IN ODISHA**

**2592. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all Gram Panchayats in the State of Odisha were connected with broadband services under the BharatNet project by the end of August, 2019 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the target fixed by the Government for providing broadband services to the remaining Gram Panchayats in the State?

ANSWER

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

- (a) 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, including Odisha. Odisha has a total of 6775 (approx.) Gram Panchayats (GPs). As of August, 2019, by laying 12,375 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), a total of 3977 GPs have been connected and of them, 3656 have been made Service Ready. In addition, 15 GPs have been made Service Ready over satellite media.
- (b) In Odisha, the remaining Gram Panchayats under BharatNet project are targeted to be provided with broadband connectivity by March 2020.

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