GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1800
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2020

BHARATNET PROJECT

1800. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government proposes to connect all the Gram Panchayats of the country with High-Speed Optical Fibre Cable Network under the BharaNet Project;

(b)   if so, the details thereof; and

(c)   the number of Gram Panchayats which have been so connected, at present, State/UT-wise including Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(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 through an optimal mix of media (i.e. Optical Fibre Cable/ Radio/Satellite).

(b)   As on 01 September 2020, by laying 4,50,997 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), a total of 1,56,108 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been connected, out of which 1,41,327 GPs have been made Service Ready. In addition, 2558 GPs have been made Service Ready on satellite media.

(c)   The number of Gram Panchayats which have been so connected, State/UT-wise including Gujarat, are given in **Annexure-I.**

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1800 for Answer on 21.09.2020

State/UT-wise Status of BharatNet as on 01.09.2020

S. No.	State/UT	Service Ready GPs (including BHQs)
1	Assam	1624
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8
3	Andhra Pradesh	1686
4	Arunachal Pradesh	414
5	Bihar	8790
6	Chandigarh	13
7	Chhattisgarh	5484
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	21
9	Daman & Diu	18
10	**Gujarat**	**12323**
11	Haryana	6193
12	Himachal Pradesh	326
13	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	1059
14	Jharkhand	3009
15	Karnataka	6247
16	Kerala	1129
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	13333
19	Maharashtra	17471
20	Manipur	1222
21	Meghalaya	258
22	Mizoram	237
23	Nagaland	129
24	Odisha	4540
25	Puducherry	101
26	Punjab	12793
27	Rajasthan	8913
28	Sikkim	28
29	Tamil Nadu	0
30	Telangana	2047
31	Tripura	709
32	Uttar Pradesh	29842
33	Uttarakhand	1534
34	West Bengal	2384
Total		**143885**

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