GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 25
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021

DIGITAL FACILITY AND OPTICAL FIBRE CONNECTIVITY

†*25.   SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government proposes to provide more digital facilities by connecting all the regions of the country through optical fibre network under the Digital India Scheme;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   the number of villages connected by optical fibre cable so far, State/UT-wise; and

(d)   whether the mobile network connectivity and related facilities have started in all the villages of strategic importance and border areas and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d)   A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25 FOR 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021 REGARDING "DIGITAL FACILITY AND OPTICAL FIBRE CONNECTIVITY".

(a) to (c)   Yes Sir, Government of India is implementing BharatNet project to provide digital facilities through broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2,50,000) in the country mainly though Optical Fibre Cable (OFC).As on 15.01.2021, a total number of 1,44,678 Villages (Gram Panchayats) have been connected through OFC. State/UT-wise list is given at **Annexure-I.**

(d) State/UT-wise list of total inhabited villages as per Census 2011 and the number of villages covered with mobile connectivity in the country is given at **Annexure-II.**

Annexure I referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 25 for Answer on 03.02.2021.

State/UT wise list of Villages (Gram Panchayats) connected by Optical Fibre Cable as on 15.01.2021

S. No.	State/UT	No. of Gram Panchayats(GPs)	No. of Gram Panchayats(Villages) service ready on OFC
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	64	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	12869	1687
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1796	79
4	Assam	2750	1497
5	Bihar	8429	8287
6	Chandigarh	12	12
7	Chhattisgarh	10039	6561
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	36	36
9	Gujarat	14073	13039
10	Haryana	6082	6080
11	Himachal Pradesh	3191	246
12	Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh)	4483	381
13	Jharkhand	4393	3200
14	Karnataka	6076	6080
15	Kerala	977	977
16	Lakshadweep	10	0
17	Madhya Pradesh	23415	14509
18	Maharashtra	27909	18059
19	Manipur	2785	320
20	Meghalaya	1791	122
21	Mizoram	763	41
22	Nagaland	994	127
23	Odisha	6781	5127
24	Punjab	12797	12656
25	Puducherry	98	98
26	Rajasthan	9892	8711
27	Sikkim	176	22
28	Tamil Nadu	12524	0
29	Telangana	12730	1946
30	Tripura	1021	569
31	Uttarakhand	7611	1508
32	Uttar Pradesh	55424	30500
33	West Bengal	3367	2194
	Total	**2,55,358**	**1,44,678**

Annexure II referred to in Part (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 25 for Answer on 03.02.2021.

List of inhabited villages connected with mobile services as on 31.12.2020

Sl. No.	State/UT Name	No. of inhabited villages as per census 2011	No. of inhabited villages with mobile services
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	396	245
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16158	14371
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5258	3035
4.	Assam	25372	24756
5.	Bihar	39073	38828
6.	Chandigarh	5	5
7.	Chhattisgarh	19567	17720
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	84	84
9.	Delhi	103	103
10.	Goa	320	292
11.	Gujarat	17843	17331
12.	Haryana	6642	6642
13.	Himachal Pradesh	17882	17499
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	6101	5947
15.	Jharkhand	29492	28348
16.	Karnataka	27397	26956
17.	Kerala	1017	1017
18.	Ladakh	236	172
19.	Lakshadweep	6	5
20.	Madhya Pradesh	51929	49317
21.	Maharashtra	40959	38631
22.	Manipur	2515	2052
23.	Meghalaya	6459	4785
24.	Mizoram	704	498
25.	Nagaland	1400	1256
26.	Odisha	47677	41578
27.	Punjab	12168	12168
28.	Puducherry	90	90
29.	Rajasthan	43264	42323
30.	Sikkim	425	415
31.	Tamil Nadu	15049	15000
32.	Telangana	10128	9975
33.	Tripura	863	832
34.	Uttarakhand	15745	15319
35.	Uttar Pradesh	97813	97486
36.	West Bengal	37478	37470
	TOTAL	**5,97,618**	**5,72,551**

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