

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 404  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION**

\*404. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:  
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the 'National Broadband Mission' launched across the country along with the details of the targets set by the Government thereunder;
- (b) the estimated fund to be allocated by the Government under the said Mission, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the number of districts in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh likely to be included under this Mission; and
- (d) whether the Government has proposed fast track connectivity in the villages including the villages of West Champaran district of Bihar under the Mission 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. 404 FOR 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 REGARDING “NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION”**

(a) National Broadband Mission (NBM) was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 with a vision to enable fast track growth of digital communications infrastructure, bridge the digital divide for digital empowerment and inclusion, and provide affordable and universal access of broadband for all. The Mission, inter-alia, envisages achieving following deliverables:-

- (i) Broadband connectivity to all villages.
- (ii) Availability of high broadband speeds.
- (iii) Acceleration of fiberization.
- (iv) Increasing tower density and fiberization of telecom towers.
- (v) Mapping of fibre.

(b) & (c) It is envisaged that the expenditure of the Government through the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is likely to be approximately Rupees 70, 000 Crore under the National Broadband Mission. The Mission envisages covering all Districts/States of the country including all districts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) The Mission aims to provide all villages of the country, including the villages of West Champaran district of Bihar, with access to broadband by 2022 by utilizing appropriate technologies, including optical fiber, radio networks, and satellite. The status of telecom connectivity in Bihar including the district of West Champaran is placed at **Annexure**.

**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part(d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No 404 for 24.03.2021 regarding National Broadband Mission.**

**Status of progress of Bihar in telecom infrastructure and services**

**(A) Status of Telecom Connectivity in the Country**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Item Particulars</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Tele-density (Overall) (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021)	87.01 %
(i)	Urban Tele-density (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021)	139.25 %
(ii)	Rural Tele-density (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021)	59.50 %
2	Telecom Infrastructure	
(i)	Number of Telecom Towers (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021)	6,45,046
(ii)	Number of Base Transceiver Stations (2G+3G+4G) (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021)	22,67,793
3	Census Village Mobile Connectivity	
(i)	Number of Inhabited villages (as per census 2011)	5,97,618
(ii)	Number of villages having mobile coverage (as per information provided by Telecom Service Providers)	5,72,551
4	Status of BharatNet Project in the country (as on 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021)	
(i)	Total Service ready GPs including Block Headquarters (BHQs)	1,54,596
(ii)	Total Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) laid	5,08,328 km

**(B) Status of Telecom Connectivity in West Champaran District of Bihar**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Scheme/Parameter</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Status of BharatNet Project</b>	
1.	Total Service ready GPs including Block Headquarters (BHQs)	316
2.	Total Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) laid	1146 km
<b>B.</b>	<b>Mobile Connectivity in the villages</b>	
1.	Number of Inhabited villages (as per census 2011)	1365
2.	Number of villages having mobile coverage (as per information provided by Telecom Service Providers)	1340

**(C) Status of Telecom Connectivity in the State of Bihar**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Scheme/Parameter</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Status of BharatNet in the State of Bihar</b>	
1	Service ready GPs	8824
2	Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) laid	27307 km
<b>B.</b>	<b>Last Mile Connectivity under BharatNet by CSC SPV in Bihar</b>	
1	Wi-Fi Hot-spots installed (GPs)	5345 GPs
2	Number of Wi-Fi subscribers	42912
3	Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections Live	22164
<b>C.</b>	<b>Mobile Connectivity in the villages of Bihar</b>	
1.	Number of Inhabited villages (as per census 2011)	39073
2.	Number of villages having mobile coverage (as per information provided by Telecom Service Providers)	38828

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