

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2617  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**INTERNET FACILITY IN BIHAR**

2617. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided internet and Wi-Fi facilities in villages of the country particularly in Bihar for the benefit of farmers with a view to enhance their knowledge in agro-sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the action being taken by the Government to enhance internet facility in the rural and remote areas of the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Internet is being provided in rural areas by the Government and the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) through 3G/4G wireless mobile and fixed wireline broadband. In addition to this, Government of India is implementing BharatNet project to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. As a part of BharatNet project, the Last Mile connectivity is being provided through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology.

The status of Internet facility in rural & remote areas of the country including Bihar, as on 26.02.2021, is as follows:

<b>S.N</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>In the country</b>	<b>In Bihar</b>
1.	No of inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) having 3G or 4G mobile wireless coverage	5,58,537 out of 5,97,618 villages	38,733 out of 39,073 villages
2.	Service Ready GPs (including BHQs) with broadband infrastructure	1,54,096	8,821
3.	Number of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed	1,03,400	5,345

Further, Government has created mKisan Portal to provide free advisory services to the farmers and all others associated with the farming and allied activities. More than 5 crore farmers including farmers from Bihar are registered on the portal and getting benefitted from this service.

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