

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021**

STATUS OF BHARATNET PROJECT IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and the details of panchayats in the country which have been linked under Bharatnet project;
- (b) the time by which the work of linking all the gram panchayats in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat with internet is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the present status of Bharatnet project particularly in the State of 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 at all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. As on 27.01.2021, under BharatNet project (Phase-I & II), a total number of 1,51,431 Gram Panchayats (Including Block HQ) have been made Service Ready. The details of the Service Ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country are attached as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The BharatNet project was envisaged to be completed by August 2021. However, this time will now be extended as the pace of completion is affected by lockdown and restrictions on movement imposed by the various Governments due to COVID-19.
- (c) In Gujarat, the total Number of Gram Panchayats (including BHQs) is about 14,311. In the State, BharatNet Phase-I has been implemented by RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), whereas the BharatNet Phase-II is being implemented under the State-led model by the Government of Gujarat itself. As of now, a total number of 13,266 Gram Panchayats (Including Block HQ) have been made Service Ready in Gujarat.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 283 for answer on 03.02.2021

State/UT-wise Status of Service Ready GPs under BharatNet

S. No.	State/UT	No. of GPs Planned (including BHQ)	No. of Service Ready GPs (including BHQ)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	71	8
2	Andhra Pradesh	13533	1696
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1864	510
4	Assam	2979	1627
5	Bihar	8963	8819
6	Chandigarh	13	13
7	Chhattisgarh	10181	6638
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	39	39
9	Gujarat	14311	13266
10	Haryana	6204	6202
11	Himachal Pradesh	3269	369
12	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	4799	1174
13	Jharkhand	4653	3433
14	Karnataka	6252	6247
15	Kerala	1129	1129
16	Lakshadweep	10	0
17	Madhya Pradesh	23728	14721
18	Maharashtra	28260	18259
19	Manipur	2799	1417
20	Meghalaya	1814	359
21	Mizoram	776	303
22	Nagaland	1042	180
23	Odisha	7095	5396
24	Puducherry	101	101
25	Punjab	12940	12795
26	Rajasthan	10151	8961
27	Sikkim	207	28
28	Tamil Nadu	12909	0
29	Telangana	13421	2047
30	Tripura	1062	730
31	Uttar Pradesh	56244	30998
32	Uttarakhand	7706	1536
33	West Bengal	3708	2430
	Total	262233	151431
