

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1085**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021**

**Broadband Services in Government Schools**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide broadband services in all Government schools of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to connect Government schools with broadband internet services in order to provide computer education to them and make Digital India Programme successful; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) and (b) Yes, internet connection through broadband services to government schools have been made available in many Government schools. The State/UT wise list of government schools with internet connection has been attached as Annexure-A.

(c) to (e) Under the BharatNet programme, the CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (CSC-SPV) of MeitY has been assigned the task of providing Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connectivity to the Government Institutions, including schools. This project is for providing Internet connection to Government schools in respective Gram Panchayat (GP). The School Education Departments of the respective State Governments has appointed State/District-wise Nodal Officers for this project for effective implementation. As on 09.07.2021, out of the targeted 1,20,392 GPs of this phase, a total of 1,18,649 GPs have been made Service Ready. As part of the BharatNet project, the last mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology to access internet/broadband services, is to be provided in a phased manner in the GPs in the country. About 63,100 Schools have been provided FTTH connections through BharatNet so far.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) AND (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1085 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021 ASKED BY SHRI MAHABALI SINGH, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING 'BROADBAND SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS'**

**ANNEXURE-A**

<b>Number of Schools with Internet Facility</b>	
<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Government</b>
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	68
Andhra Pradesh	4104
Arunachal Pradesh	105
Assam	2037
Bihar	1492
Chandigarh	121
Chhattisgarh	1627
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	44
Daman & Diu	77
Delhi	2440
Goa	70
Gujarat	23434
Haryana	2879
Himachal Pradesh	2153
Jammu & Kashmir	1201
Jharkhand	10891
Karnataka	3862
Kerala	4393
Ladakh	17
Lakshadweep	42
Madhya Pradesh	3792
Maharashtra	7149
Manipur	68
Meghalaya	99
Mizoram	60
Nagaland	61
Odisha	1450
Puducherry	180
Punjab	6830
Rajasthan	16332
Sikkim	112
Tamilnadu	6746
Telangana	2408
Tripura	69
Uttar Pradesh	4042
Uttarakhand	1071
West Bengal	8055
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