

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1549
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021**

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

†1549. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats provided with FTTH internet connectivity in the country, State/UTwise;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to be provided with FTTH internet connectivity in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats provided with FTTH internet connectivity and the number of those yet to be provided with the said connectivity in his Lok Sabha constituency, district-wise;
- (d) the names of agencies working for providing FTTH internet service in his Lok Sabha constituency along with the cost to be incurred therein;
- (e) the extent of work completed by the agencies within the stipulated time period along with the cost of the work incurred thereon so far; and
- (f) the reason for non-completion of the work along with the time by which the rest of the work is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to create network to connect all the Gram panchayats (GPs) with broadband in the country. As on 09.07.2021, a total number of 1,57,919 GPs have been made Service Ready. The State/UT-wise details of the number of GPs provided with Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections, and the number of GPs which are yet to be provided with FTTH connections under BharatNet project, are given in **Annexure-I**.

(c) to (f) The District-wise details of the number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) provided with FTTH connections, and the number of GPs which are yet to be provided with FTTH connections under BharatNet project in Ratlam Lok Sabha constituency, are given in **Annexure-II**.

The infrastructure created under BharatNet project is accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to all Service Providers. By utilizing BharatNet network, any Service Provider, on its own, can provide FTTH connections. CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (a Special Purpose Vehicle under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology) has been assigned the task to provide FTTH connections to 5 Government/ Public Institutions per GP under BharatNet Phase-1 in Ratlam constituency, with Viability Gap Support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) at a maximum of Rs 80,000 per GP.

In view of challenges in maintaining the optical fibre, equipment and the COVID 19 pandemic, the work is targeted to be completed by December, 2021.

Annexure referred to in Parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1549 for answer on 28.07.2021

State/UT-wise details of Number of GPs where FTTH Connections provided and yet to be provided

S. No.	State/UT	Total number of GPs	No. of Service Ready GPs	Number of GPs where FTTH Connections provided	Number of GPs where FTTH Connections are to be provided
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	70	21	0	70
2	Andhra Pradesh*	13371	1703	1142	12229
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1796	721	0	1796
4	Assam	2662	1497	1244	1418
5	Bihar	8404	8295	5363	3041
6	Chandigarh	12	12	11	1
7	Chhattisgarh*	11664	7870	3897	7767
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	38	36	13	25
9	Goa#	191	0	0	191
10	Gujarat*	14402	13644	4878	9524
11	Haryana	6171	6082	5883	288
12	Himachal Pradesh	3226	394	234	2992
13	Jammu & Kashmir	4289	1001	289	4000
14	Jharkhand*	4395	3686	2002	2393
15	Karnataka	6084	6080	5608	476
16	Kerala	977	977	731	246
17	Ladakh	193	186	0	193
18	Lakshadweep	10	7	0	10
19	Madhya Pradesh	22791	15783	9447	13344
20	Maharashtra*	27882	19354	13266	14616
21	Manipur	2785	1436	7	2778
22	Meghalaya	1790	598	8	1782
23	Mizoram	763	446	0	763
24	Nagaland	994	223	0	994
25	Odisha*	6817	5913	3196	3621
26	Puducherry	108	98	91	17
27	Punjab	13262	12665	7906	5356
28	Rajasthan	11341	8760	500	10841
29	Sikkim	186	22	0	186
30	Tamil Nadu*#	12520	0	0	12520
31	Telangana*	12769	4187	809	11960
32	Tripura	1021	711	559	462
33	Uttar Pradesh	58710	31633	18906	39804
34	Uttarakhand	7791	1616	1394	6397
35	West Bengal	3340	2262	1765	1575
Total		262825	157919	89149	173676

*Under State-Led model in Phase-II, the respective States are responsible for end to end activities including utilisation

Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not yet under Phase-I & Phase-II of BharatNet Project.

The Tamil Nadu State Government signed the MoU with Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) on 31.03.2017 for implementation of BharatNet project. Phase-I of BharatNet was accordingly not taken up in Tamil Nadu.

Note:

Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project.

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1549 for answer on 28.07.2021

Details of Number of GPs where FTTH Connections have been provided and where it is yet to be provided in Ratlam Constituency

S. No.	Name of District	Total number of GPs			Number of Service Ready GPs			No. of GPs provided with FTTH connections	No. of GPs which are yet to be provided with FTTH connections
		Phase-I	Phase-II	Total	Phase-I	Phase-II	Total		
1	Ratlam	418	0	418	418	0	418	86	332
2	Jhabua	212	163	375	212	163	375	117	258
3	Alirajpur	165	123	288	165	79	244	66	222
Total		795	286	1081	795	242	1037	269	812
