

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2021**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET PROJECT

2607. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given any approval for the revised implementation strategy of BharatNet Project through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said mode of implementation of the project will be done in sixteen States of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated maximum viability gap funding approved for the above PPP model and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. On 30.06.2021, Union Cabinet accorded approval for a revised strategy for implementation of BharatNet through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in 16 States of the country covering about 3.61 lakh villages including GPs. These States are Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Assam and Madhya Pradesh. The total approved maximum cost is Rs. 19,041 crores on Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for implementation of the PPP Model of BharatNet in these 16 States.
