

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1815
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2021**

HIGH SPEED INTERNET IN RURAL AREAS

1815. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Government is considering to provide high speed internet in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has set any goal under the said policy and if so, the details thereof of Punjab including Sangrur and Barnala districts?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is envisaged in all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages of the country including Punjab to provide high speed internet/broadband by August, 2023. As on 01.11.2021, a total of 1,66,088 Gram Panchayats have been made service ready in the country with broadband infrastructure under BharatNet. In Punjab, out of 13,337 GPs, a total of 12,668 GPs have been made service ready including 577 in Sangrur and 152 in Barnala district.
