

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1823
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2021**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET PROJECT

1823. SHRI. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been facing difficulties in the implementation of Bharatnet projects to achieve the set targets and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats (GP) in the state of Odisha especially in the Districts of Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Koraput that are deprived of broad band connectivity; and
- (c) the GPs in the Country, State/ UT-wise including of Odisha identified by the Government for extending broadband services under the said projects; and
- (d) the time by when the same is likely to be completed by the Government?

ANSWER

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

- (a) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As on 01.11.2021, a total number of 1,66,088 GPs are made Service Ready in the country. The implementation of the project is affected mainly on account of widely dispersed GPs across remote corners of the country, covering difficult terrains (including Hilly/ Rocky) and also difficulty of access in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas.
- (b) In Odisha, a total number of 3810 GPs were taken up for implementation under Phase-I through Powergrid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), out of which 3809 GPs have been made Service Ready, as on 01.11.2021. The Phase-II in Odisha is implemented in State-led model through the State Government under which, 2402 GPs have been made Service Ready out of 2,946 planned GPs. Further, 19 GPs have been made Service Ready on Satellite media out of 43 planned GPs. In total, 6,230 GPs have been made Service Ready in Odisha. Under BharatNet project, 569 GPs are yet to be made Service Ready in Odisha, including 29 GPs in Nabarangpur District, 51 GPs in Malkangiri District and 51 GPs in Koraput District.
- (c) The State/UT-wise details (including Odisha) are given in **Annexure-I**.
- (d) The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 was extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country. The target date for completion of the project is August, 2023.

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1823 for answer on 08.12.2021

State/UT-wise details of BharatNet project (As on 01.11.2021)

| S. No. | State/UT | Total number of GPs Planned | No. of Service Ready GPs | No. of GPs yet to be made Service Ready |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 70 | 24 | 46 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh* | 13426 | 1708 | 11718 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1796 | 749 | 1047 |
| 4 | Assam | 2664 | 1499 | 1165 |
| 5 | Bihar | 8405 | 8298 | 107 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh* | 11682 | 8386 | 3296 |
| 8 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | 38 | 36 | 2 |
| 9 | Goa# | 191 | 0 | 191 |
| 10 | Gujarat* | 14287 | 13888 | 399 |
| 11 | Haryana | 6259 | 6082 | 177 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 3226 | 403 | 2823 |
| 13 | Jammu & Kashmir | 4281 | 1055 | 3226 |
| 14 | Jharkhand* | 4395 | 4049 | 346 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 6086 | 6083 | 3 |
| 16 | Kerala | 978 | 978 | 0 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 193 | 187 | 6 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 22841 | 16698 | 6143 |
| 20 | Maharashtra* | 28237 | 21247 | 6990 |
| 21 | Manipur | 2785 | 1436 | 1349 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 1791 | 625 | 1166 |
| 23 | Mizoram | 763 | 452 | 311 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 994 | 224 | 770 |
| 25 | Odisha* | 6799 | 6230 | 569 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 108 | 98 | 10 |
| 27 | Punjab | 13337 | 12668 | 669 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 11352 | 8769 | 2583 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 185 | 23 | 162 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu*\$ | 12520 | 0 | 12520 |
| 31 | Telangana* | 12769 | 5676 | 7093 |
| 32 | Tripura | 1021 | 711 | 310 |
| 33 | Uttar Pradesh | 59365 | 33858 | 25507 |
| 34 | Uttarakhand | 7962 | 1629 | 6333 |
| 35 | West Bengal | 3348 | 2298 | 1050 |
| | Total | 264176 | 166088 | 98088 |

*The Phase-II is being implemented under State-Led model in these States.

\$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 and the State's GPs are being implemented in Phase-II under State-Led model.

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

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