

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2021**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: the number of Gram Panchayats of West Bengal including that of Purulia Parliamentary Constituency benefitting from high speed optical fiber cable network and optical mix of media (i.e. optical fiber cables/radios/satellites) facilities at present?

ANSWER

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

BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country through an optimal mix of media (Optical Fibre Cable/Radio/Satellite). As on 30.11.2021, 2,298 GPs are Service Ready in West Bengal, including 154 GPs of Purulia Parliamentary Constituency.

The infrastructure created under BharatNet project is a national asset, accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to the Service Providers, and the same can be utilized to provide internet services to the citizens.
