

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 581
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021**

BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

581. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is meeting the targets set for BharatNet project and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of number of Gram Panchayats in the State of Jharkhand that lack broadband connectivity; and
- (c) the details of the areas in the Jharkhand identified by the Government for BharatNet project and the time set by the Government for the completion of the projects?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Jharkhand. On 30.06.2021, the scope of BharatNet was extended upto all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, including Jharkhand. The target date for completion of the project is August, 2023.

In Jharkhand, 4,049 GPs are Service Ready, out of 4,395 GPs under BharatNet, as on 01.11.2021.
