GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021

BHARATNET IN UP

676. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current penetration percentage of Mobile Internet in Rural and Urban areas of the State of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) the details of current status of the BharatNet Scheme and the number of beneficiaries covered under the above said scheme;

(c) the timeline by which Uttar Pradesh as expected to achieve 100% internet coverage;

(d) the status of the PM WANI Scheme and the expected number of beneficiaries in the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) As per the Indian Telecom Service Performance Indicators published by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 21.10.2021, the Service Area wise number of Internet Subscribers per 100 population (including mobile internet subscribers) in rural and urban areas of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan at the end of June 2021 are as below:

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<th>Service Area</th>
<th>No. of Internet subscribers per 100 population</th>
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<td>Uttar Pradesh (East)</td>
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Note: Data/Information for Uttar Pradesh includes Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh includes Chhattisgarh.
(b) & (c) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. On 30.06.2021, the scope of BharatNet was extended upto all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country including Uttar Pradesh. The targeted date for completion of the project is August, 2023. As on 01.11.2021, a total number of 1,66,088 GPs are Service Ready in the country. 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 benefits of telecom services to the citizens.

(d) Under the PM-WANI framework, Wi-Fi Access Points are set up by small entrepreneurs depending on the market demand with an objective to earn return on their investment. As on 24.11.2021, about 4,323 Access Points have been set up in Uttar Pradesh.