

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 676  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> 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:

Service Area	No. of Internet subscribers per 100 population		
	Rural	Urban	Total
Uttar Pradesh (East)	28.74	89.40	43.50
Uttar Pradesh (West)			
Madhya Pradesh	28.73	100.56	49.01
Rajasthan	38.07	109.64	56.95

**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.

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