

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

BHARATNET PROJECT

†225. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages provided with internet facility under BharatNet project in Rajasthan and the number of villages thus left;
- (b) the number of such villages where the tribal population is more than fifty percent;
- (c) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved; and
- (d) the details of the quantum of fund to be spent in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Rajasthan has about 46,343 villages (including 11,341 GPs). These include 5,697 villages having tribal population more than 50 percent and declared as Scheduled Areas. So far, 8,769 GPs have been made service ready under BharatNet Project, as of December 2021. Remaining 37,574 villages / GPs have the time-line as August, 2023 for their implementation.

(d) As of December 2021, Bharat Broadband Network Limited (the Executing Agency for BharatNet Project) has disbursed Rs. 995.7 Crore as CAPEX for the Project in Rajasthan. Under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model of implementation of BharatNet in Rajasthan, the approved maximum viability gap funding is Rs.2,441 crore for providing connectivity to all villages including GPs.
