GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2322
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022

OBJECTIVE OF BHARATNET

†2322. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the main objective of BharatNet project;

(b)   whether all the Gram Panchayats in the country are likely to be connected under this project; and

(c)   the name of the villages in Gujarat where the said project has been implemented so far along with the timeby which the people in the rural areas of Parliamentary Constituencies of Amreli and Banaskantha are likely to benefit from fast speed broadband?

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. The scope of BharatNet has been recently extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, including Gujarat. The timeline of the project is 2025.

The Phase-II of BharatNet in Gujarat is implemented in State-led model through the State Government under which, 7608 GPs have been made Service Ready out of 7668 planned GPs. Further, 22 GPs have been made Service Ready on Satellite media out of 26 planned GPs. Under Phase-I, a total number of 6593 GPs were taken up for implementation through RailTel Corporation of India Limited, out of which 6489 GPs have been made Service Ready. In total, 14119 GPs have been made Service Ready in Gujarat, as on 28.02.2022.

The list of villages/GPs that have been made Service Ready in Gujarat, including Amreli and Banaskantha constituency, is available at URL http://www.bbnl.nic.in//WriteReadData/datafiles/Guj_14323e08d296a-d772-4be0-9ae5-9dc0a7d0a888.pdf.

The infrastructure, created under BharatNet project in Amreli and Banaskantha, can be utilized for provisioning of broadband/internet services through Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections, leased lines, dark fibre, backhaul to mobile towers, etc.

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