

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

PHASE I & II OF BHARATNET

2328. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 8000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the State of Bihar have been covered under Phase I and II of BharatNet and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all these GPs have actually been connected to village level broadband and WiFi choupals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof with the number of subscriptions taken and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which all the GPs in Bihar would be covered?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir. In Bihar, out of planned 8404 GPs, 8302 GPs have been made Service Ready as on 28.02.2022.
- (b) & (c) As on 28.02.2022, total 24521 FTTH connection have been provided and Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed in 5344 GPs in Bihar.
- (d) The timeline for making the remaining Gram Panchayats Service Ready in Bihar is 2025.
