

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4593
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH MARCH, 2022**

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE LAID IN UP

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the optical fibre cable laid in Uttar Pradesh so far under the National Optical Fibre Network Project;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats connected with broad band and WiFi hotspots in Kanpur Nagar and Kanpur Dehat districts of Uttar Pradesh so far under the said project along with the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said project during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet (earlier known as National Optical Fibre Network) project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Uttar Pradesh. As on 28.02.2022, total 99,440 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid and 36,090 GPs (36,057 GPs on OFC and 33 GPs on satellite) have been made Service Ready in Uttar Pradesh.

In Kanpur Nagar District, 495 GPs have been made Service Ready and 1,213 Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed. In Kanpur Dehat District, 335 GPs have been made Service Ready and 793 Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed.

(c) Rs. 13,426.62 crore has been allocated/released/utilized by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (the Executing Agency for BharatNet Project) during the last three years for implementation of BharatNet project in the country.
