

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

BHARATNET SCHEME

†5587. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized during the last three years and the current year in Rajasthan under the BharatNet scheme;
- (b) the targets fixed under it and the details of the achievements made so far under it in Dausa district of Rajasthan including the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any survey in Rajasthan under this scheme so as to find out the number of villages under this scheme still not covered, particularly in the Dausa district; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to cover all these villages under this scheme at the earliest?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Dausa District of Rajasthan. As on 31.12.2021, Rs. 730 crore has been sanctioned/allocated/utilized during the last three years and the current year in Rajasthan under BharatNet project. In Dausa District, 231 GPs have been made Service Ready and 205 Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed.

(c) & (d) The scope of BharatNet has been recently extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country. Accordingly, the Union Cabinet on 30.06.2021 accorded approval for a revised strategy for implementation of BharatNet through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in 16 States of the country (including Rajasthan). Out of 46,343 planned villages/GPs in Rajasthan, total 8,770 villages/GPs have been made Service Ready.
