

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1735
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY 2022**

RURAL BROADBAND

1735. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective and target of rural broadband BharatNet Project ;
- (b) the number of States in the country where the services of the said project has started ;
- (c) the details including the number of areas in Jharkhand including Ranchi where the said service has started, panchayat-wise; and
- (d) the target fixed under the said project in Jharkhand for the next three years along with the district-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The objective of BharatNet is to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. The scope of BharatNet has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country.
- (b) BharatNet is being implemented in 27 States and 7 Union Territories. Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not taken up under Phase-I & Phase-II of BharatNet Project. Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project.
- (c) & (d) Under Bharatnet Phase-I in Jharkhand, a total number of 2707 GPs were taken up for implementation, out of which 2623 GPs have been made Service Ready. Phase-II of BharatNet is implemented in Jharkhand in State-led model through the State Government under which, 1672 GPs have been made Service Ready out of 1678 planned GPs. Further, 2 GPs have been made Service Ready on Satellite media out of 10 planned GPs. In total, 4,297 GPs have been made Service Ready in Jharkhand, as on 04.07.2022. The list of GPs that have been made Service Ready in Jharkhand, including Ranchi, is available at URL <http://bbnl.nic.in//WriteReadData/datafiles/JKD-4297ff48625e-a2d5-4956-97e6-1e45607b4b6c.pdf>

The timeline for providing connectivity to all the remaining GPs/villages across all the District of the State is 2025.
