

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1787
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY, 2022**

FUNDS ALLOCATED AND UTILISED UNDER BHARATNET

1787. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilised under the BharatNet Project during the last five years;
- (b) the year-wise details of number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) made service ready under the BharatNet project;
- (c) whether all the GPs in the State of Andhra Pradesh are connected under the Bharatnet project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the number of GPs still left to be connected timeline, if any, for the completion of such works?

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

- (a) Rs. 22,676 crore has been allocated / utilized by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) during the last five years (2017-18 to 2021-22) under the BharatNet Project.
- (b) The Year-wise details of number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) made service ready under the BharatNet Project are as under:

Sl. No	As on	Service ready GPs including BHQ (cumulative)
1.	August, 2014	59
2.	March, 2015	441
3	March, 2016	6547
4	March, 2017	17931
5	March, 2018	106285
6	March, 2019	118519
7	March, 2020	138409
8	March, 2021	158124
9	March, 2022	178126

- (c) As on 30.06.2022, out of 13,420 GPs planned under BharatNet in Andhra Pradesh, total 2840 GPs are service ready.
- (d) Total 86,999 GPs under BharatNet is to be connected by March 2025.
