

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD AUGUST, 2022**

SALIENT FEATURES OF BHARATNET SCHEME

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Bharat Net Scheme;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised during the last three years and the previous year in Rajasthan under this scheme;
- (c) the details of the targets set and achievements made along with its result/outcome till date under the scheme in Dausa district of Rajasthan;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any survey in Rajasthan under this scheme to find out the number of villages still remaining to be covered under this scheme particularly in Dausa district; and
- (e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to cover all these villages under the scheme at the earliest?

ANSWER

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

- (a) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. The infrastructure created under BharatNet project is a national asset, accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to the Service Providers, and the same can be utilized to provide broadband services, such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections, leased lines, dark fibre, backhaul to mobile towers, etc.
- (b) Rs. 483 crore has been sanctioned/allocated/utilized during the last three years (including the previous year) in Rajasthan under BharatNet project.
- (c) to (e) In Dausa District, 231 GPs have been made Service Ready, and the remaining 57 newly created GPs are planned through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode of Implementation. The scope of BharatNet has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, including Rajasthan. 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.
