

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 576  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022**

**POST OFFICES CONNECTED WITH INTERNET**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of rural post offices connected with internet or linked electronically, State-wise including district-wise details for Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of the number of electronic transactions occur with regards to e-governance or in Government backed schemes, State-wise including district-wise details for Rajasthan;
- (c) the details of the number of rural areas which have been connected with optical fibre cables, State-wise including district-wise details for Rajasthan along with the details of the number of Common Service Centres established so far;
- (d) whether the Government imparts training in usage of such internet and Wi-Fi technologies to the people in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is taking any step to increase the speed of internet and Wi-Fi connections in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to integrate small and medium scale industries with internet, Wi-Fi services and e-governance services?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 1,28,095 rural Branch Post offices connected with internet, out of which 8,976 Branch Post Offices are in Rajasthan. State-wise details of number of rural post offices connected with internet including district-wise details for Rajasthan are enclosed as **Annexure I(a) and I(b)** respectively.
- (b) State-wise detail of number of electronic transactions with respect to e- governance including Rajasthan is enclosed as **Annexure II**.

(c) Details of the number of rural areas which have been connected with optical fibre cables, State-wise including district-wise details for Rajasthan, are enclosed as **Annexure III (a) and III (b)** respectively. As on April 2022, total 5,17,868 CSCs are operational across all States & Union Territories of the country, out of which, total 4,09,665 CSCs are operational at Gram Panchayat (GP) level.

(d) The Government of India has approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” to usher in digital literacy in rural India. It is being implemented as a Central Sector Scheme by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology through an implementing agency namely CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations.

(e) The BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the country. As on 04.07.2022, total 1,77,550 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project 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 connectivity for providing broadband services including Wi-Fi Hotspots. Mobile/Broadband/Internet services are provided in a phased manner by the Government and Telecom Services Provider (TSPs) in the uncovered villages of the country. The Government, with funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), has schemes namely Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for North Eastern Region, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Area schemes, Aspirational Districts Schemes, Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for Islands, etc. to extend mobile connectivity through setting up of towers in the uncovered villages of the country

(f) The Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) is carrying out several digital initiatives for MSMEs, such as Udyam registration, online application for implementation of schemes of MoMSME, digital empowerment of MSMEs, e-Marketing through GeM, MSME Samadhaan for delayed payment monitoring system, etc.

**Annexure I (a)**

Annexure referred to in reply of Para (a) for Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 576 to be answered on 20th July 2022 regarding “Post Offices connected with Internet”

<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Name of the State / Union Territory (UT)</b>	<b>Number of Rural Post offices connected with Internet</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	8673
2	Assam	3366
3	Bihar	7976
4	Chhattisgarh	2652
5	Delhi	88
6	Gujarat (including UT - Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu)	7633
7	Haryana	2183
8	Himachal Pradesh	2285
9	Jammu & Kashmir (including UT - J&K and UT- Ladakh)	1304
10	Jharkhand	2620
11	Karnataka	7927
12	Kerala (including UT- Lakshadweep)	3553
13	Madhya Pradesh	7256
14	Maharashtra (including Goa)	10538
15	North-East (including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram and Nagaland)	2338
16	Odisha	6894
17	Punjab (including UT-Chandigarh)	3096
<b>18</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>8976</b>
19	Tamil Nadu (including UT-Puducherry)	9228
20	Telangana	4969
21	Uttar Pradesh	15086
22	Uttarakhand	2262
23	West Bengal (including Sikkim and UT- Andaman and Nicobar Islands)	7192
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>128095</b>

**Annexure-I(b)**

Annexure referred to in reply of Para (a) for Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 576 to be answered on 20th July 2022 regarding “Post Offices connected with Internet”		
<b>S No</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Number of Rural Post Offices connected with internet</b>
1	Ajmer	312
2	Alwar	423
3	Baran	180
4	Jhalawar	231
5	Kota	143
6	Barmer	447
7	Bharatpur	269
8	Bhilwara	350
9	Bikaner	223
10	Bundi	156
11	Tonk	199
12	Chittorgarh	244
13	Pratapgarh	150
14	Churu	302
15	Dholpur	256
16	Dungarpur	254
17	Banswara	259
18	Hanumangarh	204
19	Shriganganagar	301
20	Jaipur	375
21	Dausa	281
22	Jaislmer	185
23	Jalore	262
24	Sirohi	133
25	Jhunjhunu	348
26	Jodhpur	289
27	Karauli	222
28	Sawaimadhopur	184
29	Nagaur	483
30	Pali	318
31	Rajsamand	183
32	Udaipur	413
33	Sikar	397
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8976</b>

**Annexure-II**

Annexure referred to in reply of Para (b) for Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 576 to be answered on 20th July 2022 regarding “Post Offices connected with Internet”

S.No	State / Union Territory	Count of e- governance Transactions	
		Year -2021	Year -2022 (upto 15 July 2022)
1	Andaman and Nicobar	15,62,693	12,03,769
2	Andhra Pradesh	53,88,76,068	12,95,67,183
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21,21,123	9,57,370
4	Assam	6,50,76,689	1,14,95,925
5	Bihar	39,29,97,934	11,81,27,128
6	Chandigarh	96,84,220	45,92,564
7	Chhattisgarh	19,19,04,296	17,95,79,127
8	Daman Diu Dadra & Nagar Haveli	71,31,506	1,20,23,999
9	Delhi	6,32,40,236	2,46,52,045
10	Goa	27,34,245	13,60,334
11	Gujarat	41,24,78,995	27,39,54,282
12	Haryana	31,70,85,490	13,90,92,821
13	Himachal Pradesh	4,32,09,486	4,00,85,963
14	Jammu and Kashmir	3,68,81,610	18,83,22,003
15	Jharkhand	9,33,34,771	10,62,08,727
16	Karnataka	22,54,14,535	9,41,89,906
17	Kerala	11,95,26,151	12,81,08,013
18	Ladakh	4,34,681	17,069
19	Lakshadweep	12,35,218	10,33,192
20	Madhya Pradesh	23,25,69,264	30,81,47,899
21	Maharashtra	41,85,91,938	17,31,75,835
22	Manipur	38,08,725	43,15,499
23	Meghalaya	30,22,833	2,11,56,741
24	Mizoram	21,95,440	42,54,919
25	Nagaland	31,62,435	43,40,972
26	Odisha	21,29,28,330	5,51,65,160
27	Puducherry	1,47,25,436	88,39,726
28	Punjab	29,93,58,915	24,70,64,304
29	Rajasthan	32,62,68,592	16,10,90,027
30	Sikkim	15,60,142	7,81,607
31	Tamil Nadu	81,17,30,439	17,19,13,135
32	Telangana	41,11,79,891	10,21,14,224
33	Tripura	49,02,775	1,31,83,493
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,09,01,26,013	63,52,40,824
35	Uttarakhand	7,83,16,228	13,99,97,222
36	West Bengal	1,25,80,42,547	58,83,15,236
37	Figure of National level *	96,74,56,48,300	69,80,56,95,749
Total		1,04,44,30,68,190	73,89,93,63,992

\*Some of the Central level e-governance projects are reporting e-transaction count only that of National level. Those figures are shown under ‘National level figure’.

**Annexure-III (a)**

Annexure referred to in reply of Para (c) for Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 576 to be answered on 20th July 2022 regarding “Post Offices connected with Internet”

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Service Ready Gram Panchayat (GPs) on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)	Service Ready Gram Panchayat (GPs) on Satellite	Total Service Ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) (Optical Fibre Cable + Satellite)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	36	3	39
2	Andhra Pradesh*	2831	9	2840
3	Arunachal Pradesh	79	690	769
4	Assam	1506	5	1511
5	Bihar	8300	7	8307
6	Chandigarh	12	0	12
7	Chhattisgarh*	9091	11	9102
8	Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	38	0	38
9	Goa#	0	0	0
10	Gujarat*	14157	23	14180
11	Haryana	6082	0	6082
12	Himachal Pradesh	251	156	407
13	Jammu & Kashmir	413	669	1082
14	Jharkhand*	4289	2	4291
15	Karnataka	6083	0	6083
16	Kerala	977	1	978
17	Ladakh	0	191	191
18	Lakshadweep	0	9	9
19	Madhya Pradesh	17660	32	17692
20	Maharashtra*	22119	5	22124
21	Manipur	315	1125	1440
22	Meghalaya	122	532	654
23	Mizoram	41	411	452
24	Nagaland	116	116	232
25	Odisha*	6708	38	6746
26	Puducherry	98	0	98
27	Punjab	12664	4	12668
28	Rajasthan	8740	30	8770
29	Sikkim	18	2	20
30	Tamil Nadu*\$	0	0	0
31	Telangana*	7972	0	7972

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Service Ready Gram Panchayat (GPs) on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)	Service Ready Gram Panchayat (GPs) on Satellite	Total Service Ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) (Optical Fibre Cable + Satellite)
32	Tripura	584	142	726
33	Uttar Pradesh	37977	33	38010
34	Uttarakhand	1514	148	1662
35	West Bengal	2363	0	2363
	Total	173156	4394	177550

\*The Phase-II is implemented under State-Led model in these States.

\*Tamil Nadu State Government signed the MoU with Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) on 31.03.2017 for implementation of BharatNet project. Phase-I of BharatNet was accordingly not taken up in Tamil Nadu and the State's GPs are implemented in Phase-II under State-Led model.

# Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not taken up under Phase-I & Phase-II of BharatNet Project.

**Note:** Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project.

**Annexure-III (b)**

Annexure referred to in reply of Para (c) for Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 576 to be answered on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 regarding “Post Offices connected with Internet”

S. No.	District	Service Ready Gram Panchayat (GPs) on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)	Service Ready GPs on Satellite	Total Service Ready GPs (OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE + Satellite)
1	Ajmer	282	0	282
2	Alwar	481	1	482
3	Banswara	115	0	115
4	Baran	186	0	186
5	Barmer	240	0	240
6	Bharatpur	374	0	374
7	Bhilwara	384	0	384
8	Bikaner	290	0	290
9	Bundi	179	4	183
10	Chittorgarh	265	2	267
11	Churu	253	0	253
12	Dausa	231	0	231
13	Dholpur	94	0	94
14	Dungarpur	121	0	121
15	Ganganagar	242	1	243
16	Hanumangarh	251	0	251
17	Jaipur	532	0	532
18	Jaisalmer	86	16	102
19	Jalore	274	0	274
20	Jhalawar	252	0	252
21	Jhunjhunu	301	0	301
22	Jodhpur	431	1	432
23	Karauli	222	0	222
24	Kota	156	0	156
25	Nagaur	466	0	466
26	Pali	317	4	321
27	Pratapgarh	109	1	110
28	Rajsamand	207	0	207
29	Sawai Madhopur	200	0	200
30	Sikar	343	0	343
31	Sirohi	162	0	162
32	Tonk	230	0	230
33	Udaipur	464	0	464
	Total	8740	30	8770

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