

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022**

SPENDING ON BHARATNET PROJECT

618. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has spent huge amount on Bharatnet Project in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year wise and the state wise spendings;
- (c) whether the Government has set any deadlines to connect all Gram panchayats in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to approximately 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As per Cabinet approval dated 30-06-2021, the scope of the project has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs. In last five years (2017-18 to 2021-22), a total of Rs. 22,676 crore has been disbursed upto 31.03.2022 under the BharatNet Project by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL). As per Union Budget 2022-23 announcement, all villages are expected to be connected through optical fiber by 2025. The State/UT-wise and Year-wise details of amount disbursed under the BharatNet Project is given in **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 618 to be answered on 20.07.2022

State/UT-wise and Year-wise details of Funds disbursed under the BharatNet Project

S.No.	Name of States/UT	Rupees in crores				
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	13	1	11
2	Assam	12	32	21	13	40
3	Bihar	45	182	370	333	66
4	Chandigarh			0.03	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	248	269	110	697	426
6	Haryana	151	59	72	16	10
7	Jammu & Kashmir	4	21	55	19	100
8	Karnataka	274	160	143	68	44
9	Kerala	13	13	26	8	129
10	Maharashtra	453	525	265	1475	414
11	Madhya Pradesh	1276	524	348	479	59
12	Punjab	13	137	404	157	207
13	Rajasthan	159	162	207	259	85
14	Uttar Pradesh	1382	503	643	480	233
15	Uttarakhand	4	67	30	10	49
16	West Bengal	96	97	51	16	5
17	Sikkim	21	8	3	0	38
18	Puducherry	1	1	0	0	0
19	Arunachal Pradesh	14	1	22	41	5
20	Nagaland	16	0	5	30	-1
21	Manipur	15	9	6	13	4
22	Mizoram	12	1	2	31	5
23	Tripura	17	9	8	4	2
24	Meghalaya	20	2	7	19	41
25	Gujarat, D & N, Daman & Diu	233	303	976	1067	215
26	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	10
27	Telangana	113	39	19	263	1121
28	Odisha	47	68	160	311	181
29	Jharkhand	48	122	76	376	125
30	Himachal Pradesh	1	5	28	3	6
31	Andhra Pradesh	85	4	170	186	107
32	Tamilnadu	111	0	0	39	74
33	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	4884	3325	4241	6416	3810
