

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1588
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024**

BHARAT NET PROJECT

1588 SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status regarding the implementation of Bharat Net projects.
- (b) the number of rural bodies that have been connected so far and the total number which still remain to be connected; and
- (c) the time by which all Gram Panchayats will be connected by internet and broadband?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (c) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As on 30.06.2024, 2,13,398 GPs (82.1%) have been made service ready. The Union Cabinet has approved (04.08.2023) the Amended BharatNet Program for strengthening the network and connecting the 2.6 lakh GPs. The construction phase for network under Amended BharatNet Program is three years from award of project.
