

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
**LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
QUESTION NO. 1179**
ANSWERED ON 03.12.2024

E-PANCHAYAT FACILITY

1179. Shri Bhumare Sandipanrao Asaram:
Shri Ravindra Dattaram Waikar:
Smt. Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai:
Shri Gyaneshwar Patil:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

- (a) whether internet/e-panchayat facility has been provided to all the panchayats of various States of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh and different districts of Maharashtra including Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad) district;
- (b) the number of panchayats provided internet/e-panchayat facility during the last five years including the current year;
- (c) the details of schemes for Maharashtra including Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad), Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide internet facilities to the villages where internet facility has not been provided yet?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) Under Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP), in all the States/ Union Territories (UTs) of the country. The aim is to revamp the functioning of Panchayats and to make them more transparent, accountable, and effective. Ministry has launched eGramSwaraj, an accounting application to simplify Panchayat work like planning, accounting, and budgeting. Ministry has also integrated eGramSwaraj with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for Gram Panchayats (GPs) to make real-time payments to vendors/service providers. As on Date, 2,54,508 Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) for 2024-25 have been prepared and available in e-GramSwaraj. The progress made by States/UTs, under eGramSwaraj for the year 2023-24 is given at **Annexure-I**.

For providing high bandwidth capacity, expansion of mobile services and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications in a phased manner to create network to connect all

Gram Panchayats (approx. 2, 55,000) in the country. BharatNet project's main goal is to provide high-speed internet to the rural areas across India. State/UT-wise List of Service Ready Gram Panchayats available for providing services on BharatNet is at **Annexure-II**. There may more than one service ready points in a Gram Panchayat.

Furthermore, Amended BharatNet Programme has been approved by Cabinet on 04.08.2023, for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, creation of network in balance 42,000 GPs (approx.), Operation and Maintenance for 10 years and utilization at the total cost of Rs. 1,39,579 crores. The connectivity to about 3.8 Lakh non-GP villages is proposed to be provided on demand basis from their respective GPs. BSNL has been nominated as the Project Management Agency. The tendering activities are under process.

(b) Under e-Panchayat, Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) prepared and made available on eGramSwaraj over the last five years by Maharashtra, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad), Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Madhya Pradesh are as follows.

State/UT/ District	Total GPs	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Maharashtra	27951	27750	27745	27799	27878	27876
Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) District	871	868	862	867	866	863
UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli And Daman and Diu	38	38	35	38	38	0
Madhya Pradesh	23011	23001	23002	22988	22708	22801

Further, the total number of broadband connections provided through BharatNet from March 2019 to March 2024, as well as October 2024, is provided in **Annexure-III**.

(c) The implementation of BharatNet in Maharashtra, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad), Dadra and Nagar Haveli District and Madhya Pradesh is as under.

State/ District	GPs Planned in Ph -I & Ph-II	SRGPs in Ph-I & Ph-II	GPs planned in ABP
Maharashtra	27689	24575	250
Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad) District	868	751	13
Dadra and Nagar Haveli District	20	20	0
Madhya Pradesh	17850	17850	5008

(d) Following steps have been taken to provide broadband connections in GPs/rural areas including villages/ Government institutions, schools, post offices and private areas.

- i. The BharatNet infrastructure is leased to TSPs/ISPs on non-discriminatory manner for provision of internet connectivity
- ii. Interactions have been held by BBNL/BSNL with the User Ministries/Departments to seek the demand for high-speed data connections for the institutions running in rural areas.
- iii. Demand registration portal '<https://ruralfiber.bsnl.co.in>' has been developed and shared with the Ministries/Departments.

- iv.** BSNL has developed Franchisee Management System (FMS) for on boarding the franchisees and revenue share partners for providing FTTH connection in rural areas including GPs.

- v.** To improve the network availability at GPs:
 - 1.** Planned Maintenance Agencies and Fibre Maintenance Agencies have been appointed for restoration of faulty/ damaged optical fibre cable.
 - 2.** Amended BharatNet Programme has been approved by Cabinet on 04.08.2023, for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, creation of network in balance 42,000 GPs (approx.), Operation and Maintenance for 10 years for which tendering is under process.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1179 answered on 03.12.2024 regarding 'e-Panchayat Facility'.

Adoption of eGramSwaraj at the Panchayat Level for XV Finance Commission during FY 2023-24

S.No	State Name	Total Number of Village Panchayats & Equivalent	Village Panchayat at onboard	Village Panchayats & Equivalent With Online Payment	Total Number of Block Panchayats & Equivalent	Block Panchayat at onboard	Block Panchayats with Online Payment	Total Number of Zila Panchayats & Equivalent	Zila Panchayat at onboard	Zila Panchayats with Online Payment
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	13328	13296	13095	660	660	650	13	13	13
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2108	2106	1449	0	0	0	25	25	22
3	ASSAM	2662	2197	2191	191	191	191	30	27	27
4	BIHAR	8176	8176	8057	534	534	528	38	38	38
5	CHHATTISGARH	11655	11654	11249	146	146	145	27	27	27
6	GOA	191	190	86	0	0	0	2	2	2
7	GUJARAT	14627	14591	13852	248	248	248	33	33	33
8	HARYANA	6225	6220	5653	143	143	128	22	22	22
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3615	3614	3545	81	81	80	12	12	12
10	JHARKHAND	4345	4345	4341	264	264	264	24	24	24
11	KARNATAKA	5953	5953	5936	238	232	183	31	31	28
12	KERALA	941	941	940	152	152	152	14	14	14
13	MADHYA PRADESH	23012	23010	22700	313	313	309	52	52	52
14	MAHARASHTRA	27833	27795	26528	351	351	346	34	34	34

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15	MANIPUR	3180	161	0	0	0	0	12	6	3
16	MEGHALAYA	6800	0	0	2241	0	0	3	3	0
17	MIZORAM	843	841	785	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALAND	1293	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ODISHA	6798	6798	6788	314	314	314	30	30	30
20	PUNJAB	13241	13223	11627	152	151	136	22	22	20
21	RAJASTHAN	11255	11251	11029	362	353	352	33	33	33
22	SIKKIM	199	199	179	0	0	0	6	6	4
23	TAMIL NADU	12525	12525	12449	388	388	386	36	36	36
24	TELANGANA	12769	12769	12758	540	540	490	32	32	32
25	TRIPURA	1178	1178	1176	75	75	75	9	9	9
26	UTTARAKHAND	7795	7794	7773	95	95	94	13	13	13
27	UTTAR PRADESH	57754	57752	57621	826	826	817	75	75	75
28	WEST BENGAL	3339	3339	3225	345	345	336	22	21	21
	Total	263640	252104	245032	8659	6402	6224	650	640	624

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1179 answered on 03.12.2024 regarding 'e-Panchayat Facility'.

State wise details of GPs made service ready for providing Broadband connections.

Sl. No	Name of the State	Total TLBs (as per LGD)	GPs/ per	Service Ready GPs/ Service Ready Points*
1	Andhra Pradesh		13327	12972
2	Andaman & Nicobar		70	81
3	Arunachal Pradesh		2108	1133
4	Dadra & Nagar Haveli And Daman & Diu		42	41
5	Assam		2662	1634
6	Lakshadweep		10	9
7	Bihar		8054	8860
8	Ladakh		193	193
9	Chhattisgarh		11648	9759
10	Puducherry		108	101
11	Goa		191	0
12	Gujarat		14656	14559
13	Haryana		6223	6204
14	Himachal Pradesh		3615	416
15	Jammu and Kashmir		4291	1115
16	Jharkhand		4345	4649
17	Karnataka		5953	6251
18	Kerala		941	1130
19	Madhya Pradesh		23011	18106
20	Maharashtra		27951	24778
21	Manipur		3812	1479
22	Meghalaya		6832	696
23	Mizoram		843	535
24	Nagaland		1315	236
25	Odisha		6794	7099
26	Punjab		13238	12807
27	Rajasthan		11218	8997
28	Sikkim		199	54
29	Tamil Nadu		12525	10295
30	Telangana		12771	10926
31	Tripura		1192	772
32	Uttar Pradesh		57702	47434
33	Uttarakhand		7795	2021
34	West Bengal		3339	2958
	Total		268974	218300

* The Service Ready data is sourced from the BharatNet UNMS Dashboard, and some Gram Panchayats may have multiple service-ready points.

Annexure-III

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1179 answered on 03.12.2024 regarding 'e-Panchayat Facility'.

No. of cumulative Broadband connection provided through BharatNet.

S. No.	States/Uts	Mar,19	Mar,20	Mar,21	Mar,22	Mar 23	Mar-24	Oct-24
1	A&N	0	0	2	0	1185	5524	7347
2	Andhra Pradesh	19	450	7366	3585	3444	32173	46179
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	24	88	88	13	13
4	Assam	740	986	5839	1136	2229	5024	5649
5	Bihar	870	118	33626	37012	15705	33768	40789
6	Chandigarh	0	0	55	0	64	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	956	1201	17469	9513	4474	8277	11549
8	D&NH	0	10	44	35	7	46	142
9	D&D	0	11	34	21	1	0	0
10	Gujarat	679	4592	33875	22897	20877	119604	121265
11	Haryana	183	803	33279	17597	37349	103665	137543
12	Himachal Pradesh	3	94	1072	438	1095	2828	3451
13	Jammu & Kashmir(UT)	0	109	766	508	4022	8575	9575
14	Jharkhand	711	921	15705	3010	11737	24338	27565
15	Karnataka	5122	8347	36666	10859	15196	44990	51098
16	Kerala	1632	2179	2624	1941	40194	141927	190237
17	Lakshdweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Laddakh(UT)					0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	2497	605	55044	7579	45218	48306	55381
20	Maharashtra	3034	5304	66075	23386	11329	23228	26063
21	Manipur	0	0	100	335	1105	1110	1737
22	Meghalaya	0	0	100	16	14	149	103
23	Mizoram	0	0	21	0	32	9	41
24	Nagaland	0	0	52	116	116	101	131
25	Odisha	191	1649	21057	9534	4911	9073	10907
26	Puducherry	22	83	785	114	28	3072	3826
27	Punjab	66	747	38994	33341	68560	177734	213118
28	Rajasthan	1622	1948	2376	1029	11579	42628	49252
29	Sikkim	0	0	8	0	15	41	44
30	Telangana	144	526	2353	2648	4479	19854	20881
31	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	1014	51	82
32	Tripura	0	651	2980	1426	709	1231	1370
33	Uttar Pradesh	3798	2360	106203	33444	13204	55711	67525
34	Uttarakhand	856	561	8280	4647	4691	16072	19675
35	West Bengal	212	1041	7294	2886	15447	37091	51998
	Total	23357	35296	500168	229141	340118	966213	1174536

