

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2534  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**INTERNET AND WI-FI FACILITY IN GRAM PANCHAYAT**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide internet and Wi-Fi facilities in every Gram Panchayat across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats of Rajasthan including Bhilwara Parliamentary Constituency that have been provided with internet and Wi-Fi facilities?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. Further, Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) for upgradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase- I & Phase- II, creation of network in balance GPs. The program also provides Optical Fibre (OF) connectivity to the remaining Non-GP villages (approx. 3.8 lakhs) on demand basis. Wi-Fi service is supported by equipment installed at many GPs.

(c) The details of Gram Panchayats are given below.

Details	Rajasthan	Bhilwara Parliamentary constituency
No. of GPs service ready	8776	384
No. of GPs where internet connection (FTTH) provided	4750	176
No. of FTTH connection commissioned	49,252	1,362

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