

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 358
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

BHARATNET SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

358 SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Gram Panchayats recognised to be service-ready till now across the country including Andhra Pradesh, State and district-wise, especially in Prakasam District;
- (b) the total funds allocated and utilised in Andhra Pradesh for the purposes of making Gram Panchayat's service ready during the last five years, district-wise especially in Prakasam District;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries of the BharatNet Scheme during the last five years across the country, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh, district-wise especially in Prakasam District;
- (d) whether the Government has put forward any proposed timeline to cover all Gram Panchayats in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has undertaken any promotional activities/campaigns for raising awareness regarding BharatNet, if so, the details thereof especially in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) Total number of Gram Panchayats (GP) made service-ready under BharatNet across the country including Andhra Pradesh is 2,14,283. State-wise details of GPs made service ready in the country and district-wise details of GPs made service ready in Andhra Pradesh including Prakasam district is given in **Annexure-I**.
- (b) For the BharatNet project, the funds are disbursed State/UT-wise. During last five years, Rs. 1339.31 Cr. has been disbursed for Andhra Pradesh including Prakasam District under BharatNet.
- (c) Under BharatNet scheme, till Oct' 24 end, more than 11 lakh broadband connections have been provided throughout the country. Number of beneficiaries during the last five years in the country (state-wise) and in Andhra Pradesh (district-wise including in Prakasam district) is given in **Annexure-II**.
- (d) Amended BharatNet Program has been approved by Cabinet on 04.08.2023 for strengthening of the existing BharatNet, and for covering the remaining GPs. The timeline for completion of the construction phase under the Amended BharatNet Program is three years from award of the contract.
- (e) Following steps have been taken by Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for raising awareness regarding BharatNet and its utilization:
 - i) BharatNet Udyami scheme was launched by DBN for funding broadband connections to rural households through BSNL
 - ii) BSNL has developed scheme of BharatNet Udyamies for priority connections in villages
 - iii) Social media campaign from time-to-time highlighting achievements of BharatNet

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Question No. 358 for answer on 27.11.2024

State-wise details of Gram Panchayat made service ready in the Country

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Service ready GPs
1	Andaman & Nicobar	72
2	Andhra Pradesh	12,955
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,123
4	Assam	1,507
5	Bihar	8,340
6	Chandigarh	12
7	Chhattisgarh	9,695
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20
9	Daman & Diu	18
10	Gujarat	14,316
11	Haryana	6,082
12	Himachal Pradesh	410
13	Jammu & Kashmir	1,101
14	Jharkhand	4,390
15	Karnataka	6,084
16	Kerala	978
17	Ladakh	193
18	Lakshadweep	9
19	Madhya Pradesh	17,850
20	Maharashtra	24,575
21	Manipur	1,469
22	Meghalaya	697
23	Mizoram	532
24	Nagaland	236
25	Odisha	6,785
26	Puducherry	98
27	Punjab	12,668
28	Rajasthan	8,776
29	Sikkim	35
30	Tamil Nadu	10,295
31	Telangana	10,825
32	Tripura	740
33	Uttar Pradesh	46,729
34	Uttarakhand	1,991
35	West Bengal	2,677
	Total	2,14,283

Note: Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project. Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not taken up under Phase-I and Phase-II of BharatNet Project.

District-wise details of Gram Panchayat made service ready in Andhra Pradesh including Prakasam district

Sl.No	District	Service ready GPs
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	427
2	Anakapalli	598
3	Ananthapuramu	562
4	Annamayya	435
5	Bapatla	455
6	Chittoor	600
7	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	393
8	East Godavari	290
9	Eluru	549
10	Guntur	276
11	Kakinada	365
12	Krishna	498
13	Kurnool	474
14	Nandyal	476
15	Ntr	290
16	Palnadu	510
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	426
18	Prakasam	718
19	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	716
20	Sri Sathya Sai	437
21	Srikakulam	917
22	Tirupati	743
23	Visakhapatnam	83
24	Vizianagaram	775
25	West Godavari	408
26	Y.S.R.	534
	Total	12,955

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Question No. 358 for answer on 27.11.2024

State-wise and year-wise total number of beneficiaries of the BharatNet Scheme in last five years in the country

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	23,357	35,296	5,00,168	2,29,141	3,40,118	9,66,213	11,74,536

**District-wise total number of beneficiaries of the BharatNet Scheme during the last five years
in Andhra Pradesh**

S.No.	District	Mar'19	Mar'20	Mar'21	Mar'22	Mar'23	Mar'24	Oct'24
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	0	116	1676	715	784	1236	1571
2	Anakapalli	0	131	1756	1110	1372	3434	4715
3	Ananthapuramu						1769	2103
4	Annamayya	3	34	515	83	48	312	1037
5	Bapatla						103	658
6	Chittoor	9	103	2045	1183	655	1543	2154
7	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema						889	1216
8	East Godavari						2536	2855
9	Eluru						835	1854
10	Guntur						439	824
11	Kakinada						1482	2087
12	Krishna						0	323
13	Kurnool						1054	1250
14	Nandyal						2	77
15	NTR						172	1751
16	Palnadu						896	1000
17	Parvathipuram Manyam						54	477
18	Prakasam						2228	2588
19	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore						1895	2687
20	Sri Sathya Sai						0	305
21	Srikakulam						3733	4439
22	Tirupati	7	66	1374	494	585	590	879
23	Visakhapatnam						560	700
24	Vizianagaram						2204	3374
25	West Godavari						2514	3145
26	Y.S.R.						1693	2110
	Total	19	450	7,366	3,585	3,444	32,173	46,179
