

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2216
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET PROJECT

2216. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the implementation status of BharatNet Project in Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur districts;
- (b) the total number of Gram Panchayats connected with high-speed internet connectivity in these districts;
- (c) the details of projects undertaken and infrastructure built in these districts to improve internet connectivity along with mobile coverage since 2019; and
- (d) the details of villages where mobile coverage have been provided since 2019 and the number of villages yet to be connected with mobile and internet networks?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) To improve internet connectivity in these districts, the government has undertaken BharatNet and 4G Saturation Project under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). The implementation status of BharatNet Project in Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur districts is as below:

S. No.	District	Total Gram Panchayats (GPs)	GPs made Service ready
1.	Darjeeling	92	22
2.	Kalimpong	41	0
3.	North Dinajpur	98	76

Under 4G Saturation project, out of 16 villages planned for coverage in these districts, 2 villages have been covered.
