

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2025**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BHARATNET PROJECT

3120. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to expand the outlay for the BharatNet scheme in order to provide speedy internet to rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to launch a specific programme for Scheduled Areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has a plan to ensure 5G connectivity via BharatNet across all areas;
and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Government has approved Amended BharatNet Program for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) including Scheduled Areas in ring topology. The program also has provision of connectivity to all non-GP villages on demand basis.

(e) & (f) The utilization of BharatNet includes fiberization of mobile towers and the choice of technology is decided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) on techno-commercial consideration.
