GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3201 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2025

BHARATNET PROJECT IN UTTAR PRADESH

3201. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the Status of Phase III of BharatNet Project in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government intends to extend the said project to various other States in the country, other than the States already covered under the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and a likely time-frame for its implementation;
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized so far on BharatNet Project, State-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (e) the number of 5G telecom towers installed by the Government in the country particularly in Amroha Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh till date; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the usage of 5G in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as Project Management Agency has signed agreement with M/s Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) as Project Implementation Agency (PIA) for implementation of Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) in Uttar Pradesh on 20.02.2025
- (b) & (c) Yes, Government has approved ABP for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in ring topology and connectivity to non-GPs villages on demand basis. The program is to be executed through Program Implementation Agency (PIAs) selected through competitive bidding. The project also envisages Operation and Maintenance for ten years from the date of award of the project.
- (d) As on 31.01.2025, total Rs. 43,236.24 Crores has been disbursed under BharatNet Project including Rs 5,564.42 Crore for Uttar Pradesh. The State/UT-wise details are available at DBN website (https://usof.gov.in/en/home).
- (e) Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have installed 4,69,792 number of 5G Base Transceiver Station (BTSs) in country including 606 nos. in Amroha Parliament Constituency as on 28.02.2025.
- (f) Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has provided funding support to establish 5G Use Case Labs in 100 institutions across the country with objective to build competencies and engagement in 5G technologies.
