

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4223
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2025**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN KARNATAKA

4223. SHRI P C MOHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to expedite the implementation of BharatNet Phase-II in rural areas of Karnataka including timelines for completion;
- (b) whether the Government has identified any challenges in deploying high-speed broadband in remote and tribal areas of Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to address them; and
- (d) the details of the financial allocations for BharatNet in Karnataka under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for the 2025-26 budget?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country including Karnataka. 6084 GPs of Karnataka have been made service ready under BharatNet Phase-I. Providing connectivity to remaining 6 GPs in the state and further strengthening of the network is under the scope of Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). ABP also includes connectivity to all non-GP villages on demand basis including remote and tribal areas of the state.

(d) Rs. 22,000 crore has been provisioned in Union Budget (2025-26) for the whole country including Karnataka for BharatNet project for financial year 2025-26.
