

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5073  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2025**

**BHARATNET PROJECT IN THE NORTH EASTERN REGION**

**5073. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the percentage of Gram Panchayats in the North Eastern Region (NER) which are still not connected under the BharatNet project, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the speed of internet provided under BharatNet in the NER and the all-India average for the same, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the share of Gram Panchayats in the NER that have been provided with a Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connection, State-wise; and
- (d) whether any customers who had availed WiFi services through BharatNet have chosen to give up their connections and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor across the country and the NER?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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- (a) & (c) The State-wise details of the percentage of Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the North Eastern Region (NER) that are yet to be connected under the BharatNet project and the share of GPs that have been provided Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connection is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
- (b) There is provision for speeds for broadband connection for GPs connected on Optical fibre. As per February 2025 report (<https://www.speedtest.net/global-index/india>), the median download speed is 61.66 Mbps for fixed broadband for India.
- (d) The summary of FTTH connections in NER through BharatNet is as below:

Status as on	31.03.23	31.03.24	27.03.25
Provided	4,665	7,086	11,710
Closed	1,266	1,947	3,580
Active	3,399	5,139	8,130

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