

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5237
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND APRIL, 2025**

LACK OF BROADBAND AND FIBER-OPTIC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

5237. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in Bhiwani-Mahendragarh that still lack broadband and fiber-optic internet connectivity;
- (b) the progress of BharatNet and other Government schemes aimed at providing high-speed internet access in the constituency;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to ensure 100% internet penetration in rural areas of Bhiwani-Mahendragarh, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of public Wi-fi hotspots established under the Digital India initiative in the constituency; and
- (e) whether any measures are being taken to improve telecom and internet services in educational institutions and small businesses in the region and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) In the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh constituency, 768 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready under the BharatNet project. All villages in the constituency have 4G mobile coverage. Wi-Fi service is supported by equipment installed at many GPs. Further, under the Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) framework, the total number of PM-WANI compliant Wi-Fi hotspots installed in Bhiwani and Mahendragarh districts are 226 and 51 respectively. Providing connectivity to remaining GPs 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. Presently, process for selection of project implementation agency is under tender stage.

(e) In Haryana, 6,094 number of fiber to the home (FTTH) connections have been provided to educational institutions using the BharatNet network.
