

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2845
ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025**

RURAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY UNDER BHARATNET PROJECT

2845. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the media report that only 1.99 lakh villages out of 6.5 lakh villages have broadband internet access under the BharatNet project, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken along with the action taken reports thereon;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment for the delay in achieving full rural broadband connectivity under the project, if so, the details of the assessment report;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of broadband implementation under the project, State/district-wise; and
- (e) targeted completion date of the BharatNet project and the details of the alternative measures taken to expedite the progress?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) BharatNet is being implemented in phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. Under BharatNet, total 2,14,325 GPs have been made service ready as on 30.06.2025. State-wise details of GPs in the country under BharatNet is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/home>). Further, Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) has been approved to provide Optical Fibre (OF) connectivity to approx. 2.65 lakh GPs in ring topology and to connect remaining non-GP villages (approx. 3.8 lakh) on demand basis. The program envisages construction period of three years Operation and Maintenance of remaining seven years.
