

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2856
ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025**

BHARATNET PHASE-II AND PHASE-III PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of BharatNet Phase-II and Phase-III projects across the Country including the North Eastern States as of June, 2025;
- (b) the details of the number of Gram Panchayats where optical fibre connectivity is operational and functional, and their targets thereof;
- (c) the reasons for delays or cost overruns if any, including the performance of State-level implementing agencies;
- (d) whether it is fact that mobile and internet connectivity still is a big concern in the North Eastern Region particularly in International Border areas like Bodoland, if so, action taken by the Government;
- (e) the number of Gram Panchayats where optical fiber connectivity is live and functional and targets; and
- (f) the reasons for delays or cost overruns, if so, the performance of State-level implementing agencies?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c), (e) & (f) BharatNet is being implemented in phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As on 30.06.2025, a total of 2,14,325 GPs, including 6,320 GPs in the North-Eastern Region, have been made service-ready under the BharatNet. Of these, 94,146 GPs have been made service-ready under BharatNet Phase-II. Amended BharatNet program (ABP) is being implemented across the country to provide connectivity to villages on the demand basis under which 12 packages have been started covering 15 states and 3 Union territories. The timeline for completion of the construction phase under the ABP is three years from the date of sign of agreement.

(d) In Bodoland territorial reason out of total 3,064 villages, 3059 villages have 4G coverage and remaining 5 villages are planned under 4G saturation scheme.
