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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2982
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HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN PEDDAPALLI

2982. SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific allocation from the Ministry's increased budget of 21,936 crores in 2024-25 for establishing high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas of Peddapalli Lok Sabha Constituency under the Digital India Programme;
- (b) the progress of BharatNet Phase III implementation in Peddapalli district to connect gram panchayats with optical fiber networks, considering the constituency's industrial requirements and coal mining operations;
- (c) the details of establishment of Common Service Centres and digital literacy training programmes in coal mining affected villages of Peddapalli to bridge the digital divide among industrial workers and their families; and
- (d) the specific measures taken by the Government to ensure reliable mobile network coverage in underground coal mining areas of Peddapalli for emergency communication and worker safety monitoring systems?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) During FY 2024-25, Rs. 13,700 crore has been allocated from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) for various schemes like BharatNet and 4G saturation etc. across the country including Peddapalli constituency.
- (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country, including Peddapalli, Telangana. Implementation of BharatNet in Telangana is being done by the State Government of Telangana under State-led model. As on 30.06.2025, 252 Gram Panchayats have been connected out of 266 Gram Panchayats in the Peddapalli district under BharatNet Project.
- (c) 141 Common Services Centres (CSCs) are functional across Peddapalli district, out of which 87 CSCs are functional at the Gram Panchayat level.
- (d) Spectrum in various frequency bands are assigned to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for providing mobile telecom service across India. Further, for emergency communication and worker safety in the underground coal mines, the frequencies are also assigned in other frequency bands such as 300/400 MHz band for users as per their requests.
