

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4460
ANSWERED ON 20TH AUGUST, 2025**

OPTICAL FIBER NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

**†4460. SMT. MANJU SHARMA:
SHRI CHHOTELAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats connected through BSNL optical fiber network in the country particularly in Jaipur Lok Sabha Constituency district/tehsil-wise;
- (b) the number of gram panchayats that are still deprived of this service and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide optical fiber network connectivity to all the gram panchayats and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated by the Government for laying fiber network in the Jaipur Lok Sabha Constituency during the last five years;
- (e) whether the Government has made any provision to provide optical fiber network connectivity to the remaining Gram Panchayats and if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned during the current year;
- (f) whether dozens of gram panchayats in Robertsganj Sonbhadra Lok Sabha Constituency lack mobile towers facility; and
- (g) the time by which full-fledged communication services are likely to be started in the said Lok Sabha Constituency?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) BharatNet Project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. The details of District-wise Gram Panchayats (GPs) to be connected through optical fiber on BharatNet is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/parliament-questions>).

The Government has allocated total fund of Rs. 986.04 Crore to Rajasthan including Jaipur Lok Sabha Constituency under BharatNet Project during the last five years (FY 2020-21 to 2024-25).

The Government has sanctioned Rs. 22,000 Crores for BharatNet Project in the current FY 2025-26.

(f) & (g) In Robertsganj and Chandauli District of Uttar Pradesh, total 132 towers for 4G mobile services covering 170 villages are proposed, out of which 60 towers covering 73 villages have been installed as on 31.07.2025.
