

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 618
ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2025**

OPTICAL FIBRE UNDER BHARATNET PROJECT IN BAHRAICH

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages of Uttar Pradesh especially Bahraich Lok Sabha Constituency connected with optical fibre under BharatNet project and the number of villages yet to be provided with internet facility under this scheme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include all the villages of Bahraich Lok Sabha Constituency under BharatNet project Phase-2, keeping in view that it is basically a rural and backward area, where most of the population is still deprived of high-speed internet facilities, so that new avenues for education, employment and social development may be created in the area, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes or is likely to propose to provide internet facility through WiFi using satellite in such remote areas where it is difficult to provide internet facility through optical fibre and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) To improve mobile and internet connectivity in rural and backward areas of the country including Baraich Constituency, Government has taken up 'BharatNet' and various mobile projects with funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). As of date, 46,746 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Uttar Pradesh have been made service-ready under the BharatNet Project, including 72 GPs in the Baraich Constituency. Further, the Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) covering all GPs in the country, including Baraich Constituency, on ring network for upgrading of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II. ABP is being rolled out and that work in Uttar Pradesh has started. The time of construction is 3 years from date of signing of agreement and then O&M for 7 years will start.
- (c) Since ABP is now being implemented in the state, use of alternate technology is proposed wherever connectivity through optical fibre is not feasible.
