

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 627
ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2025**

BHARATNET PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

627. SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Gram Panchayats (GPs) covered under Phase I and II of the BharatNet Project in Karnataka, especially in Dakshina Kannada, along with GPs and non-GP villages proposed to be connected under Phase III and the Accelerated BharatNet Programme (ABP);
- (b) the timeline for completion of remaining coverage under BharatNet and ABP in Karnataka;
- (c) the details of total optical fibre laid, number of FTTH connections and public Wi-Fi hotspots established in Karnataka, district-wise data for Dakshina Kannada;
- (d) the extent of utilisation of BharatNet infrastructure in the State including FTTH uptake, dark fibre leasing and operational Wi-Fi; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and utilised phase-wise and district-wise, including proposals received for connectivity to non-GP villages?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country, including Karnataka. Under BharatNet Phase-I, 6,084 GPs in Karnataka have been made service-ready, including 393 GPs in Dakshina Kannada. Providing connectivity to remaining GPs in the state and further strengthening of the network is under the scope of Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). ABP also includes connectivity to all non-GP villages on demand basis. ABP is being rolled out and that work in Karnataka has started. The timeline for completion of the construction phase under the Amended BharatNet Program is three years from date of signing of agreement.

(c) & (d) As of the end of June 2025, a total of 14,221 km of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) has been laid under the BharatNet project in Karnataka, including 629 km in Dakshina Kannada. The total number of FTTH connections provided in the state is 55,978, of which 1,618 are in Dakshina Kannada. Total Wi-Fi hotspots installed under BharatNet in the state is 3,213 GPs.

(e) In Karnataka, as on 30.06.2025, total amount of Rs. 1,963 Crore has been allocated/ utilized under BharatNet Project and ABP is being implemented in the state to provide connectivity to all non-GP villages. The Phase-wise detail is as follows:-

(Rs. in Cr.)

Phase-I	Phase-II	Amended BharatNet Program	Total
665	534	764	1,963
