

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 149  
ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN GRAM PANCHAYATS**

**†\*149. SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:  
SMT. KAMLESH JANGDE:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of implementation of BharatNet to provide broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats across the country;
- (b) the number of villages in Siwan, Gopalganj, Maharajganj, Chhapra districts of Bihar, Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh and Janjgir-Champa, Sakti, Balodabazar and Sarangarh-Bilaigarh districts of Chhattisgarh that have been provided internet access till date under the said project; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure timely completion of Phase-II and to strengthen the maintenance of infrastructure in far flung areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.149 FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025 REGARDING “BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN GRAM PANCHAYATS.”**

(a) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs). The total number of GPs undertaken under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II are 2,22,341 GPs, out of which 2,14,904 are Service Ready. Further, Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program on 04.08.2023 through which Optical Fiber Connectivity is to be provided to ~2.64 lakh GPs and ~3.8 lakh non-GP villages on demand basis.

(b) The number of villages in Siwan, Gopalganj, Maharajganj, Chhapra districts of Bihar, Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh and Janjgir-Champa, Sakti, Balodabazar and Sarangarh-Bilaigarh districts of Chhattisgarh that have been provided internet access till date under BharatNet are as follows.

State	District	Villages with internet access
Bihar	Siwan	164
	Gopalganj	208
	Chhapra (Saran District)	251
	Maharajganj Block, Siwan District	33
UP	Deoria	219
Chhattisgarh	Janjgir-Champa	317
	Sakti	310
	Baloda Bazar	484
	Sarangarh-Bilaigarh	303

(c) The total number of GPs undertaken under BharatNet Phase-II are 1,02,133, out of which 94,725 GPs are Service Ready. The implementation strategy of BharatNet has been revised in Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) and following have been included to strengthen the maintenance of infrastructure:

- (i) Creation and Upgradation of BharatNet network in ring architecture
- (ii) Operations & Maintenance of the entire network based on Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- (iii) Single Project Implementation Agency (PIA) for construction and O&M of the network in a Package
- (iv) Dedicated Network Operation Centre

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