

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1678  
ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**BHARATNET IMPLEMENTATION BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY TO GRAM  
PANCHAYATS**

**1678. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present status of BharatNet implementation for providing broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats across the country;
- (b) the details of the number of villages that have been provided internet access under the project so far; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure timely completion of Phase-II and maintenance of infrastructure in remote areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (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 & II are 2,22,341 GPs out of which 2,14,904 GPs are Service Ready. Further, Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program on 04.08.2023 through which optical fiber cable Connectivity is to be provided to ~ 2.64 lakh GPs and ~ 3.8 lakhs non-GP villages on-demand basis.
- (b) More than 94,056 villages have been provided FTTH connections under BharatNet.
- (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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