

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1682
ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2025**

REVIEWED PROGRESS OF BHARATNET CONNECTIVITY

1682. SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of BharatNet Phase II and other Digital India connectivity initiatives in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the review has identified gaps in last-mile fibre connectivity or public Wi-Fi coverage in urban areas such as Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether additional approvals or funds have been sanctioned to address these gaps under BharatNet, PM-WANI or related schemes;
- (d) the progress made so far in implementing these enhancements in Karnataka; and
- (e) whether Bengaluru is included in the current rollout timeline and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages beyond GPs on demand basis across the country. A total of 6,084 GPs are service-ready out of 6,086 GPs in Karnataka.
- (b) & (c) The Government has approved the PM-WANI framework, which allows Public Data Offices (PDOs) to set up Wi-Fi hotspots, under the aggregation of Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOAs), thus encouraging local entrepreneurs to participate in the digital transformation process.
- (d) & (e) There are 21,834 PM-WANI hotspots in Karnataka of which 11,692 PM-WANI hotspots are available in Bengaluru. Under BharatNet, 59,916 FTTH connections have been provided in Karnataka, out of which 1,695 are in Bengaluru.
