

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2970
ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2025**

BHARATNET PHASE-II

2970. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of panchayats in Kerala still without high-speed internet; and
- (b) the implementation status of BharatNet Phase-II in the State and the measures proposed to strengthen digital access in tribal and hilly regions?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The total number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Kerala is 941. All GPs have been made Service Ready under BharatNet Phase-I & Phase-II. Government has taken several steps for expansion of telecom services and broadband through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) funded major schemes in rural areas such as BharatNet for providing broadband connectivity in Gram Panchayats (GPs) and 4G Saturation project for providing access to 4G mobile services in uncovered villages. Further, under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN), provision of mobile coverage to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) villages/ habitations by DoT through DBN funded schemes has been included.
