

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 656  
ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any major schemes have been launched or any major initiatives taken by the Government in recent years to strengthen digital connectivity in rural and urban areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all Gram Panchayats in Sonipat Lok Sabha Constituency have been provided with high-speed internet connectivity under the "BharatNet Project" and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is running special schemes in this area for expansion of 5G service and mobile network coverage for installing mobile towers; and
- (d) if so, the number of Gram Panchayats connected under the said schemes so far in Sonipat district and the new development works proposed along with the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) 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. Government is also supporting roll out of 4G network across the country by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) through indigenous 4G stack.
- (b) 342 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Sonipat Lok Sabha Constituency have been provided with high-speed internet connectivity under BharatNet.
- (c) & (d) 196 Mobile BTS (urban - 81, rural - 115) of indigenous 4G Technology, which is further upgradable to 5G, have been installed by BSNL in Sonipat Lok Sabha Constituency. 97 GPs are connected with 4G Technology presently (5G Upgradable) by BSNL in Sonipat District.

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