

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN RATNAGIRI-SINDHUDURG

†813. SHRI NARAYAN TATU RANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages connected with optical fibre under BharatNet project particularly in and around Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha Constituency of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether many villages in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha Constituency have not been provided internet facility under this scheme so far;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha constituency is basically rural, backward and extremely backward; and
- (e) if so, the time by when the net facility will be provided here keeping in mind the said condition?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) In Maharashtra, 24,575 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready till 31.12.2025 under BharatNet. 766 GPs are made service ready in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg constituency and remaining GPs are pending due to the challenges like Right of way issues, involvement of multiple agencies etc. Further, Amended BharatNet program (ABP) is proposed to be implemented in the state of Maharashtra to provide connectivity to around 326 newly created GPs and 15,799 (approx.) Non- Gram Panchayat (GPs) villages on the demand basis. The timeline for completion of the construction phase under the ABP is three years from the date of signing of agreement.
