

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1634
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH MAY, 2016**

INTERNET BY BSNL

1634. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BSNL has extended its internet network in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Kerala; and
- (c) if not, the time frame for extension of the service in rural and remote areas in Kerala?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a)to(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported that it has extended its internet services in the country (except Delhi and Mumbai) including rural areas through wireline and wireless services. Circle-wise details of number of villages covered in the country including Kerala by internet services are given in **Annexure**.

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Annexure

Circle-wise details of number of villages covered by internet services

S. No.	Name of Telecom Circle	No. of Villages covered by internet services through	
		Wireline media	Wireless media
1	Andaman & Nicobar	120	323
2	Andhra Pradesh	13125	22633
3	Assam	6995	20291
4	Bihar	8043	27917
5	Chattisgarh	4315	14412
6	Chennai	1544	1515
7	Gujarat	7970	13238
8	Haryana	4630	4467
9	Himachal Pradesh	8163	16520
10	Jammu & Kashmir	2533	5278
11	Jharkhand	2736	19345
12	Karnataka	11235	22009
13	Kerala	1367	1489
14	Madhya Pradesh	6142	30470
15	Maharashtra	11290	20972
16	North-East- I	535	2048
17	North-East- II	1889	4826
18	Odisha	10093	27847
19	Punjab	10021	11321
20	Rajasthan	5672	26336
21	Tamil Nadu	9380	12162
22	Uttar Pradesh (East)	25763	71341
23	Uttar Pradesh (West)	3753	11580
24	Uttarakhand	2923	13341
25	West Bengal	12831	25516
