

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 537
ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET PROJECT

537. SHRI SHASHANK MANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of implementation of the BharatNet Project including the number of Gram Panchayats connected and made service-ready, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the project during the last three years; and
- (c) the measures taken to ensure last-mile broadband connectivity and affordable internet access in rural and remote areas and the measures taken to ensure last-mile broadband connectivity and affordable internet access in rural and remote areas?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, 2.14 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) had been connected. Government of India has approved the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) on 04.08.2023 for upgradation of all GPs in ring topology. As of June 2026, 13,494 GPs have been upgraded under ABP. The State-wise details are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) During the last three financial years (2023–24 to 2025–26), an amount of ₹11,722.26 crore has been disbursed under the BharatNet Program against a total allocation of ₹17,000 crore.
- (c) Under the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP), Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) connections are being provided across the States/Union Territories through the BharatNet Udyami (BNU) model, with subsidy support from the Government of India.

Annexure-I

S. No.	State	Connected GPs Under BharatNet Phase-I & II	Upgraded GPs Under ABP (June 2026)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	72	62
2	Andhra Pradesh	12,955	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,124	3
4	Assam	1,507	0
5	Bihar	8,340	1,200
6	Chhattisgarh	9,695	0
7	DNH and DD	38	5
8	Goa	0	0
9	Gujarat	14,320	0
10	Haryana	6,082	0
11	Himachal Pradesh	410	739
12	Jammu & Kashmir	1,101	295
13	Jharkhand	4,390	0
14	Karnataka	6,084	344
15	Kerala	978	7
16	Ladakh	193	2
18	Madhya Pradesh	17,850	1,728
19	Maharashtra	24,575	0
20	Manipur	1,475	3
21	Meghalaya	698	0
22	Mizoram	540	0
23	Nagaland	236	16
24	Odisha	6,785	0
25	Puducherry	98	109
26	Punjab	12,680	3,069
27	Rajasthan	8,776	0
28	Sikkim	35	0
29	Tamil Nadu	10,886	0
30	Telangana	10,833	0
31	Tripura	740	0
32	Uttar Pradesh	46,746	4,010
33	Uttarakhand	1,993	1,507
34	West Bengal	2,677	395
	Total	2,14,912	13,494
