

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1605  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2024**

**BHARATNET SCHEME PHASE II**

**1605 DR. GUMMA THANUJA RANI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons due to which Bharatnet Scheme Phase II is yet not complete even after four years of the original deadline;
- (b) the steps taken to resolve the challenges and achieve the target on time; and
- (c) the details of the total network in Andhra Pradesh and the time remaining for completion?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) BharatNet scheme is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. Under BharatNet Phase-II, as on 30.06.2024, 88,239 GPs (91%) out of the scope of 96,967 GPs have been made service ready on Optical fibre, and 4984 GPs (96.5%) out of 5166 GPs in difficult terrain have been made service ready on satellite.
- (b) The steps taken to resolve the challenges and complete the target on time are:
  - i) Regular review meetings and video conferences are being conducted to monitor for expeditious completion of project. Meetings are also held to resolve the dispute between state SPVs and their Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs).
  - ii) Timely disbursement of funds for execution of work, as soon as the project milestone is achieved under Phase-II.
  - iii) Resolving the pending ROW issues with concerned agencies.
- (c) In Andhra Pradesh, all 12,955 GPs planned under BharatNet Phase-I & II have been made service ready. Around 526 newly created GPs are planned in the next phase under the Amended BharatNet Program.

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