

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2505**  
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024

**INTERNET CONNECTION IN PANCHAYAT OFFICE**

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to State:

(a) whether all Panchayat Offices in the country have internet connectivity and data entry operator has been appointed thereto facilitate the rural beneficiaries of Union Government Schemes;

(b) if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any roadmap to provide internet connectivity in all Panchayat Offices by the year 2025; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

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(a) to (d) For attaining the vision of Digital India, BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in a phased manner to create a network to connect all the GPs by broadband in the country. So far, 2.17 lakh GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. The scope of BharatNet on 30.06.2021 has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country. The State/UT-wise details of Service Ready Gram panchayats is given at **Annexure-I**.

In terms of List II (State List) of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'Panchayat' being a 'local government', is a State subject. Hence provision of Data Entry Operator at Panchayat Offices is the primary responsibility of the States. The role of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been that of advocacy and technical support to the State Governments towards taking various measures for transparent, accountable, and effective functioning of Panchayats as local self-governments.

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## Annexure-I

## State/UT-wise details of Service Ready Gram panchayats

| Sr. No             | State Name                                   | Total GPs/ TLBs | Service Ready GPs/TLBs | Operational GPs/TLBs |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                  | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS                  | 70              | 81                     | 46                   |
| 2                  | ANDHRA PRADESH                               | 13326           | 12967                  | 5559                 |
| 3                  | ARUNACHAL PRADESH                            | 2108            | 1117                   | 157                  |
| 4                  | ASSAM  | 2662            | 1634                   | 501                  |
| 5                  | BIHAR  | 8054            | 8860                   | 2892                 |
| 6                  | CHHATTISGARH                                 | 11645           | 9759                   | 1651                 |
| 7                  | GOA  | 191             | 0                      | 0                    |
| 8                  | GUJARAT                                      | 14621           | 14559                  | 11465                |
| 9                  | HARYANA                                      | 6225            | 6204                   | 1941                 |
| 10                 | HIMACHAL PRADESH                             | 3615            | 415                    | 276                  |
| 11                 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR                            | 4291            | 1113                   | 454                  |
| 12                 | JHARKHAND                                    | 4345            | 4646                   | 2296                 |
| 13                 | KARNATAKA                                    | 5952            | 6251                   | 3659                 |
| 14                 | KERALA                                       | 941             | 1130                   | 946                  |
| 15                 | LADAKH                                       | 193             | 193                    | 40                   |
| 16                 | LAKSHADWEEP                                  | 10              | 9                      | 5                    |
| 17                 | MADHYA PRADESH                               | 23011           | 18105                  | 2754                 |
| 18                 | MAHARASHTRA                                  | 27911           | 24597                  | 3877                 |
| 19                 | MANIPUR                                      | 3812            | 1479                   | 21                   |
| 20                 | MEGHALAYA                                    | 6831            | 696                    | 27                   |
| 21                 | MIZORAM                                      | 841             | 529                    | 61                   |
| 22                 | NAGALAND                                     | 1304            | 233                    | 13                   |
| 23                 | ODISHA                                       | 6794            | 7099                   | 3337                 |
| 24                 | PUDUCHERRY                                   | 108             | 101                    | 94                   |
| 25                 | PUNJAB                                       | 13238           | 12807                  | 9432                 |
| 26                 | RAJASTHAN                                    | 11208           | 8997                   | 6421                 |
| 27                 | SIKKIM                                       | 199             | 54                     | 6                    |
| 28                 | TAMIL NADU                                   | 12525           | 9882                   | 3449                 |
| 29                 | TELANGANA                                    | 12771           | 10915                  | 5812                 |
| 30                 | THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU | 38              | 41                     | 19                   |
| 31                 | TRIPURA                                      | 1176            | 771                    | 424                  |
| 32                 | UTTAR PRADESH                                | 57691           | 47341                  | 3921                 |
| 33                 | UTTARAKHAND                                  | 7795            | 2014                   | 1127                 |
| 34                 | WEST BENGAL                                  | 3339            | 2958                   | 2319                 |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |  | <b>268841</b>   | <b>217557</b>          | <b>75002</b>         |

*\*Some GP may have more than 1 service points.*