

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2024**

BHARAT NET SERVICE IN CHHATTISGARH

†2655 SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of 'Bharat Net' service brought for connecting all Gram Panchayats of the country with internet particularly in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the number of villages of Chhattisgarh where Bharat Net is functioning with 100 percent capacity and the amount spent for this scheme in Chhattisgarh;
- (c) the steps taken for streamlining the functioning of the scheme; and
- (d) the action taken against the persons responsible in case the scheme is not working properly?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As on 30.06.2024, 2,13,398 GPs have been made service ready including 9,695 GPs in Chhattisgarh. Funds disbursed under BharatNet project in Chhattisgarh as on 30.06.2024 are – Rs 2458.79 Cr towards Capex and Rs 92.29 Cr towards Opex.

(c) & (d) The steps taken for streamlining the functioning of the scheme includes –regular review meetings and video conferences for monitoring purpose, timely disbursement of funds for execution of work, and resolving the pending ROW issues. Action as per contractual terms and conditions for any lapses by implementing agencies is taken, if required.
