

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2919
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019**

BROADBAND SERVICES IN DAHOD DISTRICT

†2919. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in Gujarat including Dahod district which have not been connected with broadband service as on date, along with the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the efforts made by the Government so far to provide broadband connectivity to all the villages in Dahod district of Gujarat?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) & (b) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity at all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country, including Gujarat. As on 27.06.2019, out of 14068 (approx.) Gram Panchayats (GPs), a total of 5,934 GPs have been made Service Ready for broadband connectivity in Gujarat and the remaining 8,134 GPs are under implementation.

It is mentioned that on 19.07.2017, the Union Cabinet approved a modified strategy for implementing BharatNet in a phased manner. The implementation of Phase I to connect 1,00,000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) is through three Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) viz. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), RailTel and Powergrid. The remaining 1,50,000 (approx.) Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country are to be provided broadband connectivity in Phase-II of the project through State Model, Private Sector Model and CPSU Model. In Gujarat (including Dahod District), the BharatNet Phase-II is being implemented by the State Government and an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect has been signed with the State Government on 27.12.2017. The work has been started and Rs. 391.81 crore has been released to State Government.

All the 482 (approx.) GPs of Dahod District are being covered in the second phase of the BharatNet Project.
