GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 53
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020

BHARATNET PROJECT

*53. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the funds allocated under the BharatNet Project since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(b)   the length of optical fibre cable laid down under the said project, State/UT-wise;

(c)   the number of Gram Panchayats that have been provided with broadband connectivity under the scheme till date, State/UT-wise;

(d)   the number of functional Wi-Fi hotspots in the country, State/UT-wise;

(e)   the reasons for delay in achieving the targets under this scheme; and

(f)   the time by which the Government proposes to achieve the target of providing broadband connectivity to all the 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f)   A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *53 FOR 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020 REGARDING "BHARATNET PROJECT ".

(a)   BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. Funds for the BharatNet project are allocated as a whole and not State/Union Territory-wise. A lump sum amount is allocated and disbursed from Universal Service Obligation Fund to Bharat Broadband Network Limited for execution of BharatNet project. The details of State/UT wise funds disbursed/allocated by Bharat Broadband Network Limited under BharatNet Project, are given in **Annex-I**.

(b) to (d)   The State/UT-wise details of length of optical fibre cable laid, the number of Gram Panchayats that have been provided with broadband connectivity, and the number of functional Wi-Fi hotspots in the country under the scheme are given in **Annex-II**.

(e)   BharatNet is a project of mega nature and the GPs are widely dispersed across the country in rural and remote areas. All out efforts are being made to expeditiously implement the project. The delay in the implementation of the project is mainly on account of:

(i)   Delay in the initial commencement of the project as the work on the project began in the second half of 2014 due to field survey of GPs and pilot testing of the technology model.

(ii)   In Phase-I, only one media that is underground OFC to cover GPs, and Right of Way (RoW) issues.

(iii)   Under Phase-II, about 65,000 GPs in 8 States are being implemented under State-led model, and delay in their implementation is also adversely affecting the completion of the Project.

(f)   The broadband connectivity to all the 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats is targeted to be provided by August 2021.

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *53 for Answer on 05.02.2020.

Details of funds disbursed under BharatNet Project Ph-I &Ph-II (BBNL)

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Funds Disbursed (In Crore)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	15.22
2	Andhra Pradesh	345.01
3	Arunachal Pradesh	45.58
4	Assam	185.82
5	Bihar	715.71
6	Chandigarh	0.01
7	Chhattisgarh	941.36
8	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1607.20
9	Haryana	414.27
10	Himachal Pradesh	110.58
11	Jammu & Kashmir	79.53
12	Jharkhand	352.28
13	Karnataka	782.65
14	Kerala	103.39
15	Lakshadweep	0.10
16	Madhya Pradesh	1471.93
17	Maharashtra	1932.85
18	Manipur	50.55
19	Meghalaya	66.97
20	Mizoram	34.25
21	Nagaland	60.07
22	Odisha	546.79
23	Puducherry	5.70
24	Punjab	625.41
25	Rajasthan	889.76
26	Sikkim	76.33
27	Tamil Nadu	121.46
28	Telangana	336.10
29	Tripura	75.70
30	Uttar Pradesh	1624.03
31	Uttarakhand	266.30
32	West Bengal	430.24
	Total	**14313.11**
	GPON & OFC	976.10
	Ad hoc payment done for BSNL	4209.89
	TCIL	13.43
	BSNL-VSAT	42.38
	BSNL Satellite Band width	40.12
	Grand Total	**19595.03**

Annexure referred to in Part (b) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *53 for Answer on 05.02.2020.

<u>**Status of BharatNet connectivity**</u>

Sr. No.	States/Union Territory	Cable laid (km)	GPs for which Cable laid	Service Ready GPs (Including BHQs)	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots installed	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots active
1	Andhra Pradesh	18771	4364	1628	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1519	579	244	160	155
3	Andaman & Nicobar	34	26	8	0	0
4	Assam	4799	1622	1622	4	4
5	Bihar	26232	8366	8067	292	219
6	Chandigarh	19	13	13	12	12
7	Chhattisgarh	15524	4727	4712	517	435
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	68	21	21	0	0
9	Daman & Diu	26	18	18	0	0
10	Gujarat	36936	10887	10545	86	65
11	Haryana	11930	6188	6188	1063	712
12	Himachal Pradesh	766	250	281	200	157
13	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	766	374	1011	740	661
14	Jharkhand	8405	2750	2478	312	254
15	Karnataka	14178	6244	6244	2569	1869
16	Kerala	830	1129	1129	731	728
17	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	48365	13666	12922	1350	826
19	Maharashtra	54153	18838	15534	776	437
20	Manipur	634	376	427	204	44
21	Mizoram	689	130	66	60	20
22	Meghalaya	1069	356	194	70	70
23	Nagaland	2000	656	129	0	0
24	Odisha	17472	4395	3892	113	107
25	Puducherry	92	101	101	81	81
26	Punjab	24003	12536	12529	0	0
27	Rajasthan	29208	8766	8724	8813	3964
28	Sikkim	855	41	18	0	0
29	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0
30	Telangana	4772	2047	2047	0	0
31	Tripura	1687	817	647	157	77
32	Uttar Pradesh	70950	32411	28998	27095	6827
33	Uttarakhand	3583	1529	1526	353	315
34	West Bengal	8591	2494	2285	11	2
	Total	**408926**	**146717**	**134248**	**45769**	**18041**

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