

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2922
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BHARATNET PROJECT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of BharatNet Project in Jharkhand along with the number of Gram Panchayats (GP) and villages connected so far thereunder;
- (b) the details of the progress made under the BharatNet Phase-II and State-led model under BharatNet project;
- (c) the details of fiber rollout plan, Wi-Fi hotspots operation and service promptness in connected gram panchayats along with the active broadband use by households and institutions, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of BharatNet on governance, education, telemedicine, agriculture and digital payment etc. sectors in rural areas;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (f) the eligibility criteria, incentives and implementation status of BharatNet Udyami initiative to enable home fiber connection in rural areas;
- (g) the details of pilot scheme introduced under BharatNet Udyami initiative; and
- (h) the details of target achieved/achievement made so far thereunder?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) & (b) In Jharkhand, 4,390 GPs have been made service-ready under BharatNet as of 30.11.2025, out of which 1,686 GPs have been made service-ready in Phase-II, which includes 1,672 GPs covered under the State-led model and 14 GPs covered by satellite.
- (c) Total number of service ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country is 2,14,904 as on Nov-2025. Wi-Fi service is supported by equipment installed at many GPs. The State/UT-wise status of FTTH connections provided under BharatNet is attached at **Annexure-I**.
- (d) & (e) Yes, BSNL conducted a third-party audit during March–April 2024 to assess the implementation of a pilot project for implementation of 5 lakh FTTH connections in rural areas through the BharatNet network. The audit findings indicated satisfactory coverage of FTTH services across various States/UTs through OLT installed by BNU partners.

(f) BNU could be a village level entrepreneur, Internet Service Provider, Self Help Group (SHG), etc. BharatNet Udyamis (BNUs) will be used for providing and maintaining last-mile connectivity from village to household. BNUs will be given a one-time financial incentive for activating new home fibre connections. To incentivize continuity of services, BNUs will also receive a share of the monthly revenue. As on 08.12.2025, total 7,52,161 connections provided by BNUs have been working.

(g) & (h) A pilot project for rolling out of 5 Lakh FTTH connections by BSNL using BharatNet through BharatNet Udyamies (BNUs) was approved with financial subsidy from DBN. The target under the pilot is achieved on 01.05.2024.

Utilization of BharatNet project (as of Nov,2025)		
S. No.	State	Total FTTH connection
1	Andaman & Nicobar	9122
2	Andhra Pradesh	51734
3	Arunachal Pradesh	22
4	Assam	6317
5	Bihar	46764
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhattisgarh	14498
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	222
9	Gujarat	110665
10	Haryana	169931
11	Himachal Pradesh	4248
12	Jammu & Kashmir	10460
13	Jharkhand	28089
14	Karnataka	59813
15	Kerala	237913
16	Madhya Pradesh	64893
17	Maharashtra	31098
18	Manipur	4911
19	Meghalaya	167
20	Mizoram	65
21	Nagaland	152
22	Odisha	11748
23	Puducherry	4476
24	Punjab	260125
25	Rajasthan	56462
26	Sikkim	46
27	Tamil Nadu	805
28	Telangana	26203
29	Tripura	1543
30	Uttar Pradesh	94144
31	Uttarakhand	23750
32	West Bengal	62380
Total		1392767
