

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1803
ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET PHASE-III IN TAMIL NADU

1803. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of present status of the implementation of BharatNet Phase-III in Tamil Nadu including the number of Gram Panchayats and villages proposed to be connected, district-wise;
- (b) whether there has been any delay in the implementation of BharatNet Phase-III in Tamil Nadu and, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for BharatNet Phase-III in Tamil Nadu, year-wise;
- (d) the number of Gram Panchayats and villages in Tamil Nadu where broadband connectivity has been commissioned under BharatNet as against the targets fixed, district-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the implementation of BharatNet Phase-III, ensure timely completion of pending works and provide reliable high-speed broadband connectivity to rural, remote and tribal areas of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b), (c) & (e) The Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) under a design, built, operate and maintain model for upgradation of the existing BharatNet network, creation of network in balance Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Operation & Maintenance of GPs. The Government of India has approved the proposal of Government of Tamil Nadu for Utilization of BharatNet Network under ABP in the State and agreement for the same has already been shared with the State Government for signing. Under ABP, provision has been made for last mile connectivity to 4,767 non-GP villages on demand basis. Government of India has provisioned total Rs.1,632 crore in addition to the subsidy support for rural fiber connections under ABP for the state of Tamil Nadu.

(d) District wise details of number of Gram Panchayats connected under the BharatNet is attached as **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

District-wise details of number of Gram Panchayats connected under the BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu (as on 30.06.2026)

District	No. of GPs planned	No. of GPs connected
Ariyalur	201	166
CHENGALPATTU	359	297
COIMBATORE	228	220
CUDDALORE	683	571
DHARMAPURI	251	221
DINDIGUL	306	285
ERODE	225	211
KALLAKURICHI	411	383
KANCHIPURAM	274	271
KANNIYAKUMARI	95	76
KARUR	157	157
KRISHNAGIRI	333	325
MADURAI	420	317
NAGAPATTINAM	434	434
NAMAKKAL	322	309
PERAMBALUR	121	118
PUDUKKOTTAI	497	460
RAMANATHAPURAM	429	259
Ranipet	288	288
SALEM	385	297
SIVAGANGA	445	397
TENKASI	221	215
THANJAVUR	589	589
THE NILGIRIS	35	25
THENI	130	108
THIRUVALLUR	526	513
THIRUVARUR	430	430
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	404	401
TIRUNELVELI	204	154
Tirupathur	200	197
TIRUPPUR	265	225
TIRUVANNAMALAI	860	848
TUTICORIN	403	348
VELLORE	255	231
VILLUPURAM	689	566
VIRUDHUNAGAR	450	206
	12,525	11,118
