

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) Yes, the new Arhar genotype PADT 16, developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), was tested at Hisar, Ludhiana, Pantnagar, Durgapura, Kota and New Delhi locations along with six other genotypes against three check varieties in North Western Plain Zone (NWPZ) during Kharif 2016 season in All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Pigeonpea. In the aforesaid trial, PADT-16 recorded average yield of 963.5 kg/ha with average maturity of 136 days, while average yield of the best check variety PAU 881 was 1371.75 kg/ha. Earlier, in station trial at IARI during 2012, 2013 and 2014, PADT 16 genotype had an average yield of 2100, 1943 and 2023 kg/ha respectively.

(b) Varietal Identification Committee (VIC) of ICAR in its meeting held on 20th March, 2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi considered the proposal of PADT 16 for identification. However, the VIC has recommended for retesting of PADT-16 in the same trial of AICRP on Pigeonpea for one more year, keeping in view yield variation over locations.

Gram panchayats connected by internet under BharatNet

*329. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Gram Panchayats to be connected by internet under BharatNet under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the allocation of funds under BharatNet during 2015 and 2016; and

(c) the progress of BharatNet as on 31st December, 2016, State and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) BharatNet project is being implemented for providing Broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. State/Union Territory wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) The allocation of funds under BharatNet during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is as under:

Year	₹ in crore
2014-15	1351.86
2015-16	2415.10
2016-17 (till 22.03.2017)	4616.83

(c) The Progress report of BharatNet (State/Union Territory-wise) as on 31.12.2016 is given in above mentioned Statement.

Statement

Details of Progress of BharatNet State/UT-wise as on 31.12.2016

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Total GPs	GPs in Phase-1	Incr. Cable to be laid (Phase-1) (Kms)	Pipe laid (Kms)	Cable laid which (Kms)	GPs for which Pipe laid GPs	GPs for which Cable laid GPs	GPs Lit
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	12920		The State has shown willingness to implement the project for all GPs in AP through State led model through aerial OFC					
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1766	863	1130	918	125	283	22	0
3	Assam	2589	1540	2739	2983	2400	929	816	354
4	Bihar	8380	5750	12971	9315	8155	3628	3051	442
5	Chhattisgarh	9770	4004	6016	7276	5236	1986	1836	1169
6	Gujarat	14050	6979	11494	8514	6754	3769	3122	321
7	Haryana	6090	6090	10518	7155	6413	4375	4052	627
8	Himachal Pradesh	3243	283	753	333	236	86	83	0
9	Jammu and Kashmir	4099	680	1068	271	255	197	119	0
10	Jharkhand	4423	2713	3221	3297	3006	1291	1243	292

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Karnataka	5599	5599	11642	10463	10874	5377	5327	4826
12	Kerala	977	977	693	720	826	1129	1129	1129
13	Madhya Pradesh	23024	12564	31353	28869	22897	10020	7731	1863
14	Maharashtra	27987	15335	28674	20322	17458	8917	7879	1369
15	Manipur	2794	904	70	133	73	54	24	26
16	Meghalaya	1208	1208	1897	1150	277	399	80	0
17	Mizoram	645	645	814	493	124	27	5	0
18	Nagaland	1124	994	2544	2348	918	720	227	0
19	Odisha	6235	4289	8443	6142	5382	2347	2219	416
20	Punjab	12945	8171	8270	7297	6851	5139	4723	102
21	Rajasthan	9157	8207	20027	17258	15613	5519	5109	1021
22	Sikkim	163	55	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Tamil Nadu	12524	Work is yet to start as State Government has not signed the tripartite MoU for free Right of Way (State Government has recently conveyed their consent to sign the MoU).						
24	Telangana	8759	2097	4696	4300	4197	1942	1902	130
25	Tripura	1021	1021	1961	1586	1420	761	686	79
26	Uttar Pradesh (E)	37461	17645	26835	25411	20774	12575	9894	755
27	Uttar Pradesh (W)	14515	10050	14470	13799	10307	6513	4540	413
28	Uttarakhand	7555	1885	3358	2321	2046	1260	1110	256
29	West Bengal	3354	2751	7023	3244	2802	1021	977	210
30	Andaman and Nicobar	69	69	66	0	0	0	0	0
31	Chandigarh	12	12	19	18	19	12	12	12

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Daman and Diu	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Lakshadweep	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Puducherry	98	98	89	82	92	98	98	101
TOTAL		244604	123526	222854	187931	155551	80374	68016	15913

Setting up of JAKs in tribal areas

*330. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) at present functioning in the country, location and State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to open more JAKs in the country, including in tribal regions of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government has provided assistance to individuals/agencies for setting up of JAKs in tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR):
(a) As on 24.03.2017, 1014 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras are functioning in the country. Details of 1014 functional PMBJP Kendras giving their location and State are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Yes Sir. The Government proposes to open more PMBJP Kendras in the country including in tribal areas. The Government has recently amended the guidelines to provide that PMBJP Kendras may be opened by State Governments or Government agencies in any government building premises owned by government bodies like Railways/State Transport Department/Urban Local Bodies/ Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Post Offices/Defence/PSUs etc. Besides, eligible private applicants can also open the Kendras at a place of their choice and enhanced incentive is provided for opening PMBJP Kendras in tribal areas.