

Internet connectivity in Gram Panchayats

2617. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been planned to connect every Gram Panchayat of the country with the internet service;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details including Haryana, Punjab and West Bengal, at present;
- (c) by when all the Gram Panchayats would be connected with internet;
- (d) whether it is a fact that internet does not work smoothly in Gram Panchayats already connected with the internet;
- (e) whether Government has prepared any work plan for its monitoring; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband/internet connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country. State-wise details of Service Ready GPs, including Haryana, Punjab and West Bengal, are given in Statement (*See below*).

‘BharatNet project is targeted to be completed by March, 2019.

(d) to (f) Network Operating Centre (NOC) is set up to monitor the operation of the network and the project is presently in the implementation phase. The NOC reports are being monitored on a regular basis and daily reports are being sought from BSNL and BBNL. Accordingly, corrective actions are being taken through BSNL and field level teams.

Monitoring is done by Controllers of Communication Accounts (CCAs), the Designated Monitoring Agency, and Licensed Service Area (LSA) field units of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

Statement*State/UT-wise details of the Service Ready GPs under BharatNet project*

Sl.No.	State/UT	Service Ready GPs (including BHQs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1240
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	43

Sl.No.	State/UT	Service Ready GPs (including BHQs)
3.	Assam	1590
4.	Bihar	5866
5.	Chandigarh	13
6.	Chhattisgarh	4052
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	21
8.	Daman and Diu	17
9.	Gujarat	5119
10.	Haryana	6186
11.	Himachal Pradesh	226
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	263
13.	Jharkhand	2329
14.	Karnataka	6110
15.	Kerala	1129
16.	Madhya Pradesh	12692
17.	Maharashtra	15126
18.	Manipur	258
19.	Meghalaya	122
20.	Mizoram	23
21.	Nagaland	86
22.	Odisha	3501
23.	Puducherry	101
24.	Punjab	7911
25.	Rajasthan	8453
26.	Sikkim	14
27.	Telangana	2047
28.	Tripura	527
29.	Uttar Pradesh	27964
30.	Uttarakhand	1508
31.	West Bengal	2081
	TOTAL	116618