

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 90
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN THE STATE OF GOA

90 Shri Sadanand Shet Tanawde:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the BharatNet project has not been allotted to the State of Goa, if so, by when it is anticipated to be allocated to the State of Goa;
- (b) the current status of the BharatNet project in Goa;
- (c) the status of 4G saturation project in Goa; and
- (d) the details regarding the villages in Goa that have been allotted under the 4G saturation project?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 90 FOR 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024 REGARDING “BHARATNET PROJECT IN THE STATE OF GOA.”

(a) to (d) Telecom connectivity in Goa has improved significantly in last ten years detailed as follows:

- The Number of Base Trans-receivers Stations (BTS) have increased from 1,673 in March 2014 to 6,901 in December 2023.
- The number of mobile phone users have increased from 1.71 lakh in March 2014 to 28.45 Lakh in Dec 2023.
- The number of internet users have increased from 2.31 lakh in March 2014 to 20.94 lakh in Dec 2023.
- Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid has increased from 2,341 Km in 2014 to 5,463 Km in September 2023.

Government of Goa established their own network called Goa Broadband Network (GBBN) to provide broadband connectivity to Gram panchayats.

Government of India has amended the BharatNet program to cover all the inhabited villages at an outlay of Rs 1.88 lakh crores. Goa is included in the amended BharatNet project.

To further improve telecom connectivity in the country, Government is implementing various schemes. A total of 41,160 mobile towers have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs. 41,331 Cr to provide 4G connectivity to about 55 thousand villages including the villages in Goa.
