

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2263
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN KERALA

2263 SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the BharatNet project in Kerala;
- (b) the amount of funds allotted to State-led model Optical Fibre Network initiatives/models by different States in the last four years; and
- (c) whether Government has plan to provide financial assistance to the K-Fone project to ensure universal broadband accessibility?

ANSWER

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

- (a) All 978 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Kerala have been made service ready under BharatNet project.
- (b) Total Rs. 10,151.76 crore has been disbursed for the eight states under the state-led model of BharatNet Phase-II in the period 2020-21 to 2023-24.
- (c) Kerala is not under the state-led model, and there is no plan to provide direct assistance to the K-Fone project in the state.
