

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

WI-FI IN GRAM PANCHAYATS IN ODISHA

2266 SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has intensified the operationalisation of Wi-Fi in Gram Panchayats (GPs), and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of GPs with operational Wi-Fi as of now, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the financial outlay allocated for GP internet services for the current year?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Total number of service ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the Country is 2,14,323 including 6785 GPs in Odisha. The state-wise details are available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>). Wi-Fi service is supported by equipment installed at many GPs.
- (c) The state-wise details of total fund disbursed under BharatNet project is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
