GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1632
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2020

PHASE I OF BHARATNET PROJECT

1632.   SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the aims and the objectives of Phase I of BharatNet Project;

(b)   the funds sanctioned, allocated, released and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c)   the targets fixed and the achievement made by the Government thereunder, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh along with the progress made on the said project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d)   whether progress on Phase-II of the project is going as per schedule and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a)   BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. The project envisages providing affordable broadband services in rural and remote areas towards realisation of the vision of 'Digital India'.

(b)   Rs. 42,068 crore has been approved by the Cabinet on 19.07.2017 for BharatNet Project. The funds are allocated/disbursed by USOF for the project as a whole and not State/UT-wise.
The State/UT-wise and Year-wise details of the disbursement of funds by Bharat Broadband Network Limited , the executing agency for this project , are given in **Annexure-I.**

(c)   BharatNet project is for providing broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats of the States/UTs. The details of the State/UT-wise achievement, including in Andhra Pradesh, as on 1st September 2020 are given at **Annexure-II.**

(d)   As on 1st September 2020, a total of 23,133 Gram Panchayats(including Block Headquarters) have been made Service Ready ,and 1.47 lakh km OFC has been laid under BharatNet phase-II.

BharatNet is a challenging project of mega nature and the Gram Panchayats(GPs) are widely dispersed across the country in rural and also remote areas. The implementation of Phase-II is being done under State-led and CPSU-led model. The delay in the implementation of the BharatNet phase-II is mainly on account of:-

(i)   About 65,000 GPs in 8 States are under implementation under State-led model. For these States, the project is at various stages of implementation. The delay in the implementation by the States is also adversely affecting the completion of the Project. For other States, not being implemented under State-led model, the implementation strategy is under the process of review.
(ii)   Under CPSU-led model, BSNL's work was also delayed due to its difficult financial condition.
(iii)   In March 2020, pursuant to Lockdown and movement restrictions due to COVID-19 in the country, the project progress is affected. However, with the beginning of unlock phase, all efforts are being made to expedite the project implementation.

Annexure referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1632 for Answer on 21.09.2020

State/UT-wise Disbursement towards Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) by BBNL

(In Rs.)

S.No.	State/UT	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FT 2019-20	FY 2020-21
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1600000	0	128364966	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	847980000	15557915	1566213936	1884992670
3	Arunachal Pradesh	139671853	5967951	37398238	0
4	Assam	30088614	207911324	25752720	0
5	Bihar	225376634	1492594848	2835412688	730086475.7
6	Chhattisgarh	2368208766	2389491575	565890886	2500000000
7	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	2304089756	2787710875	9845187162	2360000000
8	Haryana	1346574610	496222881	73488185	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	13045540	43531150	272007502	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	36357422	203419417	0	0
11	Jharkhand	481310822	1172808104	556255777	1640120917
12	Karnataka	2246872986	1099896518	67908746	0
13	Kerala	0	0	0	0
14	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
15	Madhya Pradesh	1933222230	611721857	286664866	3658220081
16	Maharashtra	4235640248	3360550000	762511621	9401258043
17	Manipur	146307480	93714562	21260352	0
18	Meghalaya	195508225	20819377	8504380	0
19	Mizoram	123487397	7831092	12109137	0
20	Nagaland	160873490	1801998	28476807	0
21	Odisha	468995146	549550961	1200477422	1735490139
22	Puducherry	5316342	669465	0	0
23	Punjab	0	1251970480	3017295744	1097100000
24	Rajasthan	1082712706	901907558	741180165	2010297794
25	Sikkim	2000000	0	0	0
26	Tamil Nadu	1106410000	0	0	0
27	Telangana	1122780000	342490049	3645125	3230000000
28	Tripura	165243293	91444128	0	0
30	Uttar Pradesh	777627666	403653757	3101944766	0
31	Uttarakhand	9070393	622690664	93690271	0
32	West Bengal	910420748	834749017	118486576	0
Total		**22486792368**	**19010677522**	**25370128038**	**30247566121**
* GPON & OFC		**0**	**1277609848**	**0**	**0**
* Ad hoc payment done for BSNL		**23020000000**	**8630000000**	**7700000000**	**0**
*TCIL		**0**	**0**	**196740075**	**0**
*BSNL -VSAT		**0**	**0**	**423800000**	**0**
Bandwidth		**0**	**0**	**401200000**	**0**

State/UT-wise Disbursement towards Operations& Maintenance by BBNL

(In Rs.)

S. No.	State/UT	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	28257523	26429006	0
2	Assam	90934282	111147297	28183954	0
3	Bihar	226902624	331550619	246097540	0
4	Chandigarh	118330	0	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	111410820	301366921	155648291	0
6	Gujarat	29000000	238552474	120778171.4	0
7	Haryana	167730997	97260991	26001031	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	5631310	2811820	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	2653678	4573254	16981732	824105
10	Jharkhand	0	51183039	41835564.92	0
11	Karnataka	491463891	502688665	287144338	507164
12	Kerala	125084405	128586308	61775488	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	480075081	752740055	485445447	0
14	Maharashtra	299267075	610329360	152511742	0
15	Manipur	0	0	10412968	0
16	Meghalaya	0	0	3514245	0
17	Mizoram	0	0	1256384	0
18	Odisha	244194940	129663793	70438374	0
19	Puducherry	0	7532036	825922	0
20	Punjab	127603572	118581468	180832868	74303097
21	Rajasthan	383466614	673987717	360437770.3	0
22	Tamil Nadu	0	0	103880	0
23	Telangana	11999999	51676013	35404816	0
24	Tripura	0	0	24824629	0
25	Uttar Pradesh	456982764	0	337414419	0
26	Uttarakhand	35923291	50361872	69680989	0
27	West Bengal	48155917	132237331	137422683	0
	Total	**3332968279**	**4327908046**	**2884214072**	**75634366**

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1632 for Answer on 21.09.2020
State/UT-wise Status of BharatNet as on 01.09.2020

S. No.	State/UT	Service Ready GPs (including BHQs)
1	Assam	1624
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8
3	**Andhra Pradesh**	**1686**
4	Arunachal Pradesh	414
5	Bihar	8790
6	Chandigarh	13
7	Chhattisgarh	5484
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	21
9	Daman & Diu	18
10	Gujarat	12323
11	Haryana	6193
12	Himachal Pradesh	326
13	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	1059
14	Jharkhand	3009
15	Karnataka	6247
16	Kerala	1129
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	13333
19	Maharashtra	17471
20	Manipur	1222
21	Meghalaya	258
22	Mizoram	237
23	Nagaland	129
24	Odisha	4540
25	Puducherry	101
26	Punjab	12793
27	Rajasthan	8913
28	Sikkim	28
29	Tamil Nadu	0
30	Telangana	2047
31	Tripura	709
32	Uttar Pradesh	29842
33	Uttarakhand	1534
34	West Bengal	2384
	Total	**143885**

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