

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 326  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**BHARAT NET PROJECT**

**326. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Bharat Net Project; and
- (b) the details of steps that Government is taking for the implementation of the Bharat Net project at the grass root levels?

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 the all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. As on 27.01.2021, a total number of 1,51,431 Gram Panchayats (including Block Headquarters) have been made Service Ready under the project.

(b) The implementation of the Phase-I of the BharatNet project has been done through three Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) viz. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. (RailTel) and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL). The Cabinet on July 19, 2017 approved a modified strategy for implementation of the BharatNet project. Accordingly, the implementation of Phase-II is being done through State-led Model, Private Sector Model and CPSU led Model by using an Optimal mix of media (OFC, Radio and satellite).

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