GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5085 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND APRIL, 2025

BHARATNET PROJECTS IN GRAM PANCHAYATS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is facing difficulties in implementing the BharatNet project to achieve the set targets, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number and the details of the Gram Panchayats in Udaipur Division in Rajasthan deprived of broadband connectivity under the said project, district-wise and block-wise;
- (c) the Gram Panchayats in Udaipur Division in Rajasthan identified by the Government for providing broadband facilities under the said project; and
- (d) the time by which the Government is likely to complete the said work?

ANSWER

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

- (a) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. At some places, the difficulties like delay in obtaining Right of Way permissions, damage of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) are faced due to development works etc. These have been addressed from time to time by regular review meetings with the respective State Government/agencies, etc.
- (b) to (d) Providing connectivity to GPs and strengthening of the network is under the scope of Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). The details of GPs in Udaipur division that are connected so far in BharatNet is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (https://usof.gov.in/en/home).
