

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 596
ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2025**

EXTENSION OF BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN SCHOOLS

**596. SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:
SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Government-run secondary schools eligible for extension of broadband connectivity under Bharat Net initiative, State-wise, district wise in Andhra Pradesh and especially in Bapatla Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the details of the list of the States/UTs that have proposed, under negotiation and presently functional MoUs with BSNL for implementing broadband connectivity in Government schools over the last ten years;
- (c) the details of the number of Government schools being provided fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh and in Bapatla Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (d) the details of number of FTTH connections operationalized along with customer usage data of such connections, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh especially in Bapatla Lok Sabha Constituency; and
- (e) the details of funds released to implementation agencies for establishing FTTH connections, State-wise, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and from Bapatla Lok Sabha Constituency?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) Under Amended BharatNet program, 1.5 Crore Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections to be provided across all States/UTs (including Andhra Pradesh) with priority to cover Government institutions including schools over the next five years, with funding support from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). All Government run secondary schools available in Gram Panchayats (GPs)/villages are eligible for provisioning of FTTH connectivity under Amended BharatNet program. However, FTTH connections are provided on the basis of demand and availability of BharatNet network.
- (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has approached States/UTs to have a MoU/Agreement to provide FTTH connections in Government run secondary schools in GPs/villages under BharatNet. So far, BSNL has signed the MoU/Agreement with Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Utrakhnad, Gujarat, Assam, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, for providing FTTH connections in Government Schools.
- (c) & (d) The details of State/UT-wise working FTTH connections using BharatNet, in Government Schools, along with customer usage data is attached at **Annexure-I**. The details of District-wise FTTH connections provided to Government Schools using BharatNet in Andhra Pradesh is attached at **Annexure-II**.
- (e) A total subsidy of Rs. 516 Cr. (approx.) for providing FTTH connections using BharatNet is released by DBN to BSNL for Pan-India.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to parts (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 596 for answer on 03.12.2025

Details of State/UT-wise working **FTTH connections using BharatNet, provided by BSNL, in Government Schools, along with customer usage data**

S. No.	State/UT	No. of FTTH connections	Data Usage in GB (in month of Oct'25)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	65	2,330.59
2	Andhra Pradesh*	6,679	31,809.73
3	Assam	261	15,420.23
4	Bihar	2,414	1,56,234.04
5	Chhattisgarh	927	53,172.82
6	Gujarat	4,028	1,57,780.88
7	Haryana	9,469	8,39,343.37
8	Himachal Pradesh	55	5,947.57
9	Jammu & Kashmir	46	4,525
10	Jharkhand	201	17,994.19
11	Karnataka	2,726	94,924.98
12	Kerala	1,710	1,19,926.5
13	Madhya Pradesh	6,706	85,213.08
14	Maharashtra	710	23,558
15	Manipur	29	1,826.07
16	Mizoram	6	362.77
17	Odisha	426	31,807.58
18	Puducherry	37	2,501.69
19	Punjab	12,961	9,15,356.67
20	Rajasthan	5,252	1,73,648.03
21	Tamil Nadu	22	536.61
22	Telangana	220	13,638.91
23	The Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	8	2,012.98
24	Tripura	2	5.54
25	Uttar Pradesh	6,572	3,27,186.79
26	Uttarakhand	2,678	1,39,847.16
27	West Bengal	3,745	1,86,068.69
	Total	67,955	34,02,980.47

*includes **6,405 FTTH** connections to Government Schools using BharatNet provided by Andhra Pradesh State FiberNet Limited (APSFL). In Andhra Pradesh, BharatNet Phase-II is implemented under State-led model through APSFL, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the State Government, which are also responsible for utilization.

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to parts (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 596 for answer on 03.12.2025

Details of District-wise FTTH connections provided to Government Schools in Andhra Pradesh under BharatNet:

S. No.	District	No. of FTTH connections
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	3
2	Anakapalli	371
3	Anantapur	528
4	Annamayya	335
5	Bapatla	164
6	Chittoor	117
7	East Godavari	148
8	Eluru	190
9	Guntur	85
10	Kakinada	359
11	Konaseema	291
12	Krishna	60
13	Kurnool	135
14	Nandyal	4
15	NTR	255
16	Palnadu	105
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	257
18	Prakasam	168
19	SPSR Nellore	835
20	Sri Sathya Sai	188
21	Srikakulam	567
22	Tirupati	15
23	Visakhapatnam	153
24	Vizianagaram	753
25	West Godavari	200
26	YSR Kadapa	393
Total		6,679
