

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 594
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL INDIA

594. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of households in rural India who have access to internet connectivity, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase internet access among rural households across the country including the State of Odisha;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 29.83 rural internet subscribers per 100 population in the country as on 31st December 2019 as per latest “The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators” report of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) dated 30th June 2020. The License Service Area-wise details are at Annexure.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) BharatNet project implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband/internet connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, includes Odisha. A total of 1,43,885 GPs is made Service Ready as on 04.09.2020, including 4522 in Odisha.
- (d) Question does not arise.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.594 for 16.09.2020.

License Service Area-wise number of Internet Subscribers per 100 populations at the end of December-2019

Sl. No.	License Service Area	No. of Internet Subscribers per 100 population
1.	Andhra Pradesh	36.63
2.	Assam	27.47
3.	Bihar	21.69
4.	Delhi	98.97
5.	Gujarat	34.56
6.	Haryana	36.75
7.	Himachal Pradesh	58.29
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	16.58
9.	Karnataka	40.74
10.	Kerala	39.00
11.	Madhya Pradesh	23.88
12.	Maharashtra	39.93
13.	Mumbai	
14.	North East	35.94
15.	Odisha	32.94
16.	Punjab	47.49
17.	Rajasthan	32.99
18.	Tamil Nadu	50.42
19.	UP(East)	21.64
20.	UP(West)	
21.	Kolkata	25.05
22.	West Bengal	
	Total	29.83
