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Broadband Services

Under Bharat Nirman, the Government envisages to cover all the 2,50,000 village panchayats with broadband by 2012. As of January 2011, 97,548 Village Panchayats have been covered with broadband. As regards funds no separate allocation has been made under Bharat Nirman. However, funds have been allocated in different schemes of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under which Gram Panchayats are being covered.

There are no specific rural obligations defined in Internet Service Provider (ISP) Licence agreement.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided 7, 70,000 connections in rural areas as on 31.1.2011. The details of State-wise broadband subscribers including urban and rural areas Circle-wise connections are as given below.

BROADBAND SUBSCRIBERS (STATE-WISE) AS ON NOVEMBER 2010

Sl. No	State/Telecom Circle	Broadband subscribers (As on 30.11.2010)
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	5045
2.	Andhra Pradesh	992222
3.	Assam	67098
4.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	146148
5.	Delhi*	972552
6.	Gujarat	656041
7.	Haryana	235201
8.	Himachal Pradesh	57422
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	46650
10.	Karnataka	1129392
11.	Kerala	699429
12.	Maharashtra (including Mumbai, Goa)	1847013
13.	Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	418091
14.	North East**	37605
15.	Orissa	172405
16.	Punjab	523508
17.	Rajasthan	333165
18.	Tamilnadu (including Chennai)	1331956
19.	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttarakhand)	568936
20.	West Bengal (including Kolkata)	497971
	TOTAL	10737850

*Includes Noida, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Faridabad

**includes Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland & Tripura

Rural Broadband Connections provided by BSNL (as on 31st January

SN	Circle	Cumulative as on January 31, 2011
1	A & N	1,246
2	A P.	89,250
3	Assam	6,003
4	Bihar	4,010
5	Chhattisgarh	4,132
6	Chennai	25,193
7	Gujarat	45,447
8	Haryana	21,079
9	Himachal Pradesh	11,514
10	J & K	4,367
11	Jharkhand	2,434
12	Karnataka	42,004
13	Kerala	2,27,164
14	Kolkatta	200
15	Madhya Pradesh	7,401
16	Maharashtra	58,730
17	N E I	772
18	N E II	1,007
19	Orissa	16,114
20	Punjab	66,350
21	Rajasthan	22,460
22	Tamilnadu	70,726
23	U P (East)	18,901
24	U P (West)	4,738
25	Uttaranchal	3,517
26	West Bengal	15,241
	Total	7,70,000

This reply was given by Shri Sachin Pilot, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in response to a question in Parliament.

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