

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2346  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**WI-FI ACCESS POINTS**

**2346. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Wi-Fi Access Points (Public Data Offices) that have been set up in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu under Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) framework;
- (b) the details of the progress made under the PM-WANI scheme;
- (c) the manner in which the scheme helped the Government in its e-Governance initiative and also in increasing the internet penetration in rural areas of the country; and
- (d) the extent to which the said scheme helped the Government's effort in the above fields, block and State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) As on 09-03-2023, 15374 and 7412 Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed under PM-WANI framework in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively.
- (b) PM-WANI framework was launched on 09.12.20. Meticulous efforts have been made to popularise PM-WANI. As on 09-03-2023, 1,47,764 Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed under PM WANI framework in the country.
- (c) & (d) PM WANI framework aims to accelerate proliferation of internet services by setting up public Wi-Fi Access points in the country with the objective of building digital India, bridging digital divide and consequential benefit thereon.

State/ Union Territory (UT) wise number of hotspots under PM WANI framework as on 09-03-2023, is attached as **Annexure**. The block wise details are not maintained.

**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in Reply to Part (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2346 to be answered on 15.03.2023.

**The State/UT wise number of hotspots under PM WANI framework**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total WI-FI Hotspots</b>
Andaman & Nicobar	246
Andhra Pradesh	6057
Arunachal Pradesh	598
Assam	856
Bihar	3767
Chandigarh	256
Chhattisgarh	2796
Delhi	40521
Goa	422
Gujarat	4036
Himachal Pradesh	937
Haryana	3739
Jharkhand	1000
Jammu & Kashmir	1478
Karnataka	18807
Kerala	4899
Ladakh	371
Lakshadweep	1
Maharashtra	15374
Meghalaya	147
Manipur	9
Madhya Pradesh	7095
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	76
Odisha	2811
Punjab	3682
Puducherry	89
Rajasthan	2766
Sikkim	13
Telangana	4230
Tamil Nadu	7412
Tripura	301
Uttarakhand	892
Uttar Pradesh	8234
West Bengal	3845
<b>Total</b>	<b>147764</b>

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