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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to grant special assistance for making wifi-services available across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the cities identified for the purpose along with the criteria adopted in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of funds proposed to be spent on the said project during the current financial year;
- (d) whether Government proposes to extend the services to rural areas/villages across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c) Does not arise in view of response of part (a).

(d) & (e) Government User Network (GUN) over the national Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) aims, inter alia, to provide community WiFi infrastructure at one location in each Gram Panchayat.