

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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WIRELESS INTERNET

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

- (a) whether the Government has compiled any statistics on the availability of wireless internet across the different States in the country along with the different speeds available for internet access;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also assessed the future internet need in both rural and urban areas and proposes to provide free wi-fi to citizens;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the funds allocated for expansion of band width in remote, hilly and rural areas?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.