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WIFI IN CITIES AND TOWNS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch free high speed Wi-Fi in 2500 towns and cities over a span of three years as part of 'Digital India' programme to increase the Internet penetration across the country;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features thereof;
- (c) whether any agency/agencies has been shortlisted for implementation of schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the cities/ town identified for the purpose; and
- (e) the allocation made/likely to be made for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Department of Telecommunications has been working on the agenda set by the Government for providing Wi-Fi connectivity to tourist spots and public areas in cities with a population of more than 1 million. Further Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has intimated for processing of setting Wi-Fi hotspot on PAN India basis (except Delhi & Mumbai) through revenue share model.