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Wi-Fi Hotspots

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free high-speed Wi-Fi to all the district headquarters and cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal;
- (c) whether the BSNL has an agreement for setting up Wi-Fi hotspots on revenue sharing basis across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the places which have been identified so far as Wi-Fi hotspots, State-wise along with the criteria laid down in identifying such Wi-Fi hotspots; and
- (e) the revenue likely to be generated by the telecom PSUs as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is setting up Wi-Fi Hotspots pan-India except Delhi & Mumbai License Service Area on revenue share basis based on commercial viability. Wi-Fi services are being provided at the selected locations/sites which are financially viable and technically feasible. BSNL is providing free Wi-Fi service for the first 30 minutes in a day for maximum of 3 occasions in a month.
- (c) & (d) BSNL has selected its partner through open tendering process and awarded the work for setting up Wi-Fi Hotspots in South and West zone on revenue share basis. For North zone and East zone work has not been awarded. Details of locations which have been identified for Wi-Fi hotspots are at Annexure.
- (e) Wi-Fi Service is new type of service launched by BSNL recently on revenue share basis. As the services are launched in the last 1-6 months in different locations it is too early to assess the revenue generation. It is hoped that BSNL would be able to leverage its optical fibre infrastructure to provide high speed data connectivity at public places through Wi-Fi and thereby earn revenue.

Annexure

List of Places

Circle City Places/Locations

A.P. Ananthpur Ananthpur APSRTC Bus Stand (Near Enquiry Block)

Chittoor CRO building Tirumala Temple

East Godavari Kambala Tank

Gandhi Park

Railway Station

Saraswathi Ghat

GMTD BSNL Office

RTC Bus stand, Rajahmundry

Airport

DVB Raju Complex

Gemini Ground

Shelton Hotel

Arts College ground

Bollineni Hospital

Sai Hospital

Luthargiri

Function halls AVA Road

Womens College ground

Function hall 1&2 , Cherukuri Garden

Function hall 3, SV Garden& Function hall4 , Suriya Garden

RTC bus stand (Kakinada)

Hyderabad Out Side Security gate , AP Secretariat/Lumbini Park

BSNL IMPCS,Tank Bund/tank bund Road

People's Plaza/Necklace Road

Buddha Vihar Complex/Tank bund Road

Sanjeevaiya Park

Pavani Avenue
CM Camp office , Green Lands, Begumpet, Hyderabad
Lepakshi store (Birla Mandir)
Charminar (Crime police station)
Gandhi Hospital
Koti Bus Terminus
Mecca Masjid
Public Garden bus Stop (Jawahar bala)
Hitex Exhibition hall(1&2)
Shilparamam
Shilpa Kala Vedika

Birla Planetarium
Birla Science Museum
Taramati Baradari Resort - Beside the AMPHI theatre
Plaza Hotel- Begumpet
NIMS Hospital- Millennium Block
NIMS Hospital- Specialty Block
NIMS Hospital- Main Block
MGBS APSRTC Bus Stand (Backhaul required at Booking Counter near platforms 13-15))
MGBS APSRTC Bus Stand (Backhaul required at Booking Counter near platforms (65-68)
JBS, Secundrabad
Kirshna Pandit Nehru Vijaywada APSRTC Bustand
Visakapatnam VUDA Park
Kailasagiri
Andhra University Campus
RK Beach -4 (RK Mission Libarary Beach Road)
RK Beach -1 (Spencer's Beach Road)
RK Beach-2(Rajiv Smruthi Bhavan Beach Road)
RK Beach-3(YMCA Beach Road)
West Godavari Goshpada Kshetram, KOVVURU
RTC Bus stand, Kowvuru
RTC Bus stand, Narsapur
RDO office , Kowvur
APSRTC bus stand Eluru
Chennai TD Chennai Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram
Chattisgarh Bilaspur River View Road
Raipur Raipur Airport
Anupam Garden
City Center Mall Raipur
Durga College Raipur
Garden of Nagar Nigam
Officers Clup/Circuit House
Degree Girls College
Mekahara Hospital
AIIMS Hospital
Gujarat Ahmedabad Sabarmati Ashram
Kankaria Lake Front
Valsad Deveka Beach
Daman Fort
Nagoa Beach-Diu
Vanganga Lake Garden , Dadra
Tribal Museum and handicraft centre Silvasa

Tourist Reception Centre at Silvasa
Vandhra Garden , Silvasa
Parehare Panchayath
Karnataka Bangalore Orion Mall
No. 1 MG Mall
QuadGen WTC Malleshwaram
Lalbagh
Cubbon Park
Hampi
Davangere SSIMSRC Medical Hospital Block
Mandya Brindavan Gardens
Kerala Ernakulam Marine Drive
Fort Kochi
Mattancherry
High Court
Subhash Park,
Corporation Main Office

Vyttila Mobility Hub,
Eddapally Junction,
Kaloor
Durbar Hall
District Court Complex
Kozhikode Kozhikode Corporation Office
Kozhikode Moffussil Bus Stand
Mananchira Ground
SM Street
Palayam Bus Stand
Beach Road -1 Kozhikode
Medical College
West Hill Engineering College
Civil Station
Beach Road -2 Kozhikode
Trichur Guruvayoor Temple
MP Bhopal Phanda Village
Satpura Bhawan
Vindhayachan Bhawan
J.P. Hospital
People Dental College
RGPV University
Upper Lake
Lower Lake
Ram Raja Temple Orcha
Chhatarpur
Khajuraho Western Temple Group
Indore Potlodi Village
Maharashtra Nagpur Grampanchayat Office Panchgaon village Nagpur
Grampanchayat Office Waghdhara village Nagpur
Nasik Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Nasik (Temporary Site)
Media Center, Near Ramkund, Nasik (Temporary Site)
Media Center, Near Sadhugram, Nasik (Temporary Site)
BSNL Telephone Exchange, Panchavati, Nasik
BSNL Telephone Exchange, Trimbakeshwar
BSNL BTS (NTA) Site, Near Amrutkunj, Trimbakeshwar
Swamy Samarth, Trimbakeshwar
BSNL BTS Site, Near Kushavart, Trimbakeshwar
Orissa Puri Jagannath Temple
Konark Temple
Tamilnadu Madurai Meenakshi Temple
Nilgiris Simspark Exge-Colocated Coonoor
Botanical Garden BTS
Pondicherry Le-Cafe, Beach Road
Chief Secretariat Office Beach Pondicherry -
Bharati Park
Boat House , Chunnabur
Thanjavur Bhirhadeshwar Temple
UP(East) Varanasi Dashashwamedh Ghat
Lalita Ghat
Man Mandir Ghat
Manikarnika Ghat
Mir Ghat
Rajendra Prasad Ghat
Shitala Ghat
Trip Bhairvi Ghat
Sarnath
UP (West) Agra Taj Mahal
Fathepur Sikri
