

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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WI FI SERVICES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted any survey of passengers opting for Wi-Fi services in trains and railway platforms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have initiated/propose to initiate this project;
- (d) if so, the funds allocated/spent by the Railways in this regard, zone-wise; and
- (e) the time by which this facility shall be fully operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a): No, Madam. Railways have not conducted any survey of passengers opting for Wi-Fi services in trains and railway platforms.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Yes, Madam. Railway proposes Wi-Fi facility at 'A1' & 'A' category stations and in 50 rakes of important trains in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duranto category. This is in addition to Wi-Fi facility provided in 3 rakes of Howrah-New Delhi- Howrah Rajdhani Express as a pilot project.
- (d): For the pilot project on Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, an amount of ₹6.67 crores has been spent by Eastern Railway. Further, provision of Wi-Fi in 50 rakes of important trains in Rajdhani /Shatabdi/Duranto category at an estimated cost of ₹ 55 crores is planned.

In the current financial year, an amount of ₹ 1.00 crore has been allocated to Northern Railway which is executing this work. At stations, Wi-Fi facility will be provided by RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL) a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Railways through Internet Service Providers with no investment by Railways.
- (e): For Wi-Fi in trains and at stations, Railway will be using a cost effective technology and the same is being deliberated. Once the technology is selected, further action will be taken to make it operational.