

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019**

WI-FI IN TRAINS

499. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

SHRI K.NAVASKANI:

SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI A.K.P.CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government is planning to provide Wi-Fi service inside trains in the next four to four-and-a-half years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of towers and equipments which are required to make this facility possible;**
- (c) whether the Wi-Fi service inside the trains would help in maintaining security inside the train compartments and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/earmarked for the said purpose;**

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- (e) the problem being faced by the Government in implementing this service inside the train; and**
- (f) the time by which the said services would be implemented?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (f): Ministry of Railways have been exploring suitable cost effective technology for providing Wi-Fi based internet facility in trains.

As a pilot project, Wi-Fi based internet facility was provided in Howrah Rajdhani Express Trains through Satellite Communication technology. This technology was capital intensive, with recurring costs in the form of bandwidth charges and thus was not cost effective. Also, the internet bandwidth availability to passengers was inadequate.

As and when, suitable technology is available, necessary action for provision of this facility in trains shall be taken.
