GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 634
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020

GRAMNET PROJECT

634.   SHRI SANJAY SETH:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI B. B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government is planning to provide Wi-Fi in all the villages across the country through GramNet;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c)   the number of villages where the Government has already provided the aforementioned services, State/UT-wise; and

(d)   whether any private agencies are involved as intermediaries or implementing agencies in the process and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) to (c)   BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. As part of BharatNet project, the Last Mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband access technology, is to be provided in all Gram Panchayats.

The State/UT-wise details of Gram Panchayat where Wi-Fi Services have been provided are attached as **Annex-I**.

(d)   In the 1.23 lakh GPs (approx.) of BharatNet Phase-I, the provisioning of Wi-Fi Services has been assigned to Government of Rajasthan, CSC e-Governance Services India Limited(a Special Purpose Vehicle under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology), etc. In the 1407 GPs of BharatNet Phase-II, the provisioning of connectivity over satellite media, along with Wi-Fi services, has been assigned to BSNL.

Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 634 for Answer on 05.02.2020.

State/UT-wise details of Wi-Fi provisioning

S. No.	States/Union Territory	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots installed	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots active
1	Arunachal Pradesh	160	155
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	4	4
4	Bihar	292	219
5	Chandigarh	12	12
6	Chhattisgarh	517	435
7	Gujarat	86	65
8	Himachal Pradesh	200	157
9	Haryana	1063	712
10	Jammu & Kashmir	570	492
11	Jharkhand	312	254
12	Karnataka	2569	1869
13	Kerala	731	728
14	Ladakh	170	169
15	Madhya Pradesh	1350	826
16	Maharashtra	776	437
17	Manipur	204	44
18	Meghalaya	70	70
19	Mizoram	60	20
20	Odisha	113	107
21	Puducherry	81	81
22	Punjab	0	0
23	Rajasthan	8813	3964
24	Tripura	157	77
25	Uttar Pradesh	27095	6827
26	Uttarakhand	353	315
27	West Bengal	11	2
	Grand Total	**45769**	**18041**

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