

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.05.2017**

WI-FI AT STATIONS

5196. SHRI P. K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to equip all railway stations in the country with Wi-Fi facility;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps, so far, in this regard;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government is also contemplating equipping the railway stations located in Kerala with Wi-Fi facility; and**
- (d) if so, the number of such stations and by when they will be equipped with this facility and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5196 BY SHRI P. K. BIJU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING WI-FI AT STATIONS

(a): Ministry of Railways has decided to provide Wi-Fi facility only at A1, A, B & C Category Railway Stations on Indian Railways.

(b): Railway Ministry has mandated RailTel Corporation of India Limited, a PSU under the Ministry to execute the work.

(c): Yes, Madam. All A1, A & B Category Railway Stations located in Kerala are also planned to be provided with Wi-Fi facility.

(d): As per the plan, 28 stations (A1, A & B Category) in the State of Kerala are to be provided with Wi-Fi facility (Total 709 stations over Indian Railways). As on date, the facility has been commissioned in 06 stations. Work at balance stations will be taken up in a phased manner as no capital expenditure is being done by Railways and work at all stations are targeted for completion by March, 2020.

List of Stations in Kerala State is appended.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5196 BY SHRI P. K. BIJU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING WI-FI AT STATIONS

(d): List of stations in Kerala State where Wi-Fi Internet Facility provided/planned

S.No.	Name of Station	Cate gory of Stati on	Division	Rai lwa y	State	Status
1.	Tiruvananthapuram Central	A1	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	Commissioned
2.	Ernakulam Jn.	A1	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	Commissioned
3.	Thrisur	A1	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	Commissioned
4.	Kozhikkode	A1	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	Commissioned
5.	Alappuzha	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
6.	Aluva	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
7.	Chengannur	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
8.	Ernakulam Town	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
9.	Kanhangad	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
10.	Kannur	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	Commissioned
11.	Kasargod	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
12.	Kayankulam Jn.	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
13.	Kollam Jn.	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	Commissioned
14.	Kottayam	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
15.	Palakkad Jn.	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
16.	Payyannur	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
17.	Shoranur Jn.	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
18.	Thalassery	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
19.	Tirur	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
20.	Tiruvalla	A	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
21.	Vadakara	A	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
22.	Changanacheri	B	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
23.	Guruvayur	B	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
24.	Kochuveli	B	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
25.	Kuttipuram	B	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
26.	Ottappalam	B	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
27.	Quilandi	B	Palakkad	SR	Kerala	
28.	Varkalashivagiri	B	Tiruvananthapuram	SR	Kerala	
