# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3822 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2017

## **WI-FI AT STATIONS**

# †3822. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to equip all the railway stations across the country with Wi-Fi facility;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any step in this direction; and
- (c) if so, the number of such railway stations, zone-wise and the time by which these stations are likely to be equipped with Wi-Fi facility?

#### ANSWER

### MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3822 BY SHRI GOPAL SHETTY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2017 REGARDING WI-FI AT STATIONS

- (a): Ministry of Railways has decided to provide Wi -Fi facility at all the 709 A1, A & B 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, with no capital expenditure by Railways.
- (c): As on 31.07.2017, the facility has been commissioned at 128 stations. A list of stations where Wi-Fi facility is planned / provided is as under:-

S.No.	Railway	No. of A1, A & B	No. of Stations
	-	category Stations	(Work
		(To be covered)	Completed)
1.	<b>Central Railway</b>	48	16
2.	East Coast Railway	47	8
3.	East Central Railway	58	7
4.	Eastern Railway	25	5
5.	Konkan Railway	-	1
6.	North Central Railway	30	7
7.	North Eastern Railway	36	4
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway	43	5
9.	Northern Railway	88	18
10.	North Western Railway	37	4
11.	South Central Railway	74	8
12.	South East Central Railway	22	3
13.	South Eastern Railway	15	3
14.	Southern Railway	75	18
15.	South Western Railway	34	4
16.	West Central Railway	31	3
17.	Western Railway	46	14
	Total	709	128

Work at the balance stations is likely to be completed by March, 2020.

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