

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1468  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**HOTSPOTS AT RAILWAY STATIONS**

**1468. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to put Hotspots on all small railway stations across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;**
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed between Ministry of communication and Railways in this regard and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether any digital service centres will be provided on different railway stations for providing information regarding internet to rural youth; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the details of stations selected for the said purpose?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): Ministry of Communications has approved a Pilot Project for providing public Wi-Fi Hotspots with financial support from USOF (Universal Services Obligation Fund) at 200 railway stations lying in rural areas by RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. (RailTel), a Government**

**of India Undertaking, under Ministry of Railways. The same is under progress and based an impact assessment, Ministry of Communications shall decide for provision of public Wi-Fi Hotspot at balance railway stations lying in rural areas with support from USOF.**

**(c) to (e): Agreement has been signed between RailTel and Ministry of Communications for setting up Wi-Fi Hotspots at 200 rural railway stations as a Pilot Project.**

**As per the agreement, Wi-Fi Kiosk shall also be set up at these 200 rural stations. Kiosk shall have two computer terminals along with the Wi-Fi Hotspots for use by rural population**

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