GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1722 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

HIGH SPEED WI-FI IN GRAM PANCHAYATS UNDER SAGY

1722. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide high speed wi-fi in Gram Panchayats selected under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b) : Under BharatNet, Government of India aims at providing last mile connectivity through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology to cover all Gram Panchayats in the country including Gram Panchayats selected under SaansadAdarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). Rs. 100 Crore is earmarked for setting up "Wi-Fi Choupals" by Common Service Centre- Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC-SPV) funded by Universal Service Obligation Fund. The agreement with CSC-SPV was signed on 31.03.2017 and as on 30.11.2017, service delivery has commenced in 1214 Gram Panchayats. State-wise details are as below:

Sl	State/UT	No. of live GPs
1.	Bihar	17
2.	Chandigarh	10
3.	Chhattisgarh	52
4.	Haryana	61
5.	Jharkhand	160
6.	Karnataka	91
7.	Madhya Pradesh	307
8.	Maharashtra	64
9.	Odisha	18
10.	Puducherry	68
11.	Uttar Pradesh	86
12.	Uttarakhand	280
	Total	1214

State-wise Deployment of Wi-Fi Choupals