

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.85  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

**WI-FI AT STATIONS**

- 85. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken a decision to provide free wi-fi at all railway stations and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of stations, where free wi-fi has been provided as on date and the target fixed for the same;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has collaborated with Google and Department of Telecommunication in this regard;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of source of funding for the world's largest wi-fi project?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a): Ministry of Railway has decided to provide free Wi-Fi facility at all stations except Halt stations, without involving any expenditure on Railways' account.**

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**(b): Against the target for provision of Wi-Fi at 100 stations in 2016-17, 200 stations in 2017-18 & 500 stations in 2018-19, 707 stations have been provided with Wi-Fi facility as on date.**

**(c) & (d): RailTel has entered into an agreement with M/s Mahataa Information India Private Ltd. (MI IPL) (a group company of M/s Google Inc.) for providing Wi-Fi facility at “A1” and “A” category of stations.**

**(e): The cost of providing Wi-Fi at “A1” and “A” category of stations where RailTel has entered into agreement with M/s Mahataa Information India Private Ltd. (MI IPL) is shared by RailTel and M/s MI IPL.**

**RailTel has been advised to follow revenue sharing model for “B” & “C” category stations also.**

**Department of Telecommunication has been approached to provide funds under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Wi-Fi at D & E category stations.**

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