

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

WI-FI AT RAILWAY STATIONS

**†1584. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations where Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided, State-wise;**
- (b) the names of service providers with which agreement has been signed for providing free Wi-Fi services at railway stations along with the details of conditions prescribed in the agreement;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has any data regarding the percentage of people using free mobile Wi-Fi service at present and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the total fund allocated by the Government so far for providing free Wi-Fi service at railway stations?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Wi-Fi services have been provided at 715 no. of railway stations as on 14.12.2018. Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided on 5734 railway stations. State-wise list of 5734 Railway stations is appended.

(b): RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Railways has entered into an agreement with M/s. Mahataa Information India Private Limited (M/s. MIPL), an Indian subsidiary of Google Inc. for providing free Wi-Fi at 438 A1 and A category stations. The complete cost has been shared by RCIL and MIPL.

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RCIL has also entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) / Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications for providing Wi-Fi services at 200 rural railway stations.

(c): Yes, Madam, Free mobile Wi-Fi services at 715 railway stations have been used by 1.3 million unique users till the month of October 2018.

(d): The cost of providing Wi-Fi at 438 stations where RCIL has entered into agreement with M/s. MIPL is shared by RCIL & M/s. MIPL and no fund has been provided by Government. However, the cost of providing Wi-Fi at 200 rural stations where RCIL has entered into an agreement with Ministry of Communications, the funds of ₹ 27.77 Crore have been provided by Ministry of Communications under USOF.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1584 BY SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA AND SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2018 REGARDING WI-FI AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

(a): List of Stations (State-wise) where Wi-Fi Internet Facility are planned:-

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Stations
1.	Andhra Pradesh	449
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	02
3.	Assam	225
4.	Bihar	366
5.	Chhattisgarh	109
6.	Delhi	25
7.	Goa	06
8.	Gujarat	352
9.	Haryana	117
10.	Himachal Pradesh	42
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	29
12.	Jharkhand	191
13.	Karnataka	159
14.	Kerala	110
15.	Madhya Pradesh	363
16.	Maharashtra	489
17.	Manipur	02
18.	Meghalaya	02
19.	Mizoram	01
20.	Nagaland	02
21.	Odisha	207
22.	Puducherry	03
23.	Punjab	211
24.	Rajasthan	453
25.	Tamilnadu	428
26.	Telangana	10
27.	Tripura	12
28.	Uttar Pradesh	785
29.	Uttarakhand	19
30.	West Bengal	565
Total		5734
