

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3670  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

**WI-FI SERVICES IN CITIES AND HERITAGE SITES**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 25 cities and heritage sites have been identified by the Government for providing Wi-fi service;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise and city-wise norms adopted for identifying these cities;
- (c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred in this regard and the details of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) selected for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposal from different State Governments for starting Wi-fi services in the concerned States and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether any security concerns are involved in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
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(a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism in association with the Department of Telecommunications has taken initiative for providing public Wi-fi facility at 100 tourist places through the Public Sector Undertakings namely Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel). The tourist places were selected based on the tourist footfall.

A financial support of Rs. 7 lakh plus taxes per Wi-fi site per annum, for a period of 3 years is extended to all Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and they would have to run the services for a minimum of seven years. Wi-fi facility has already been provided at 88 sites. The list of 88 sites where Wi-fi facility has already been provided under the initiative is **Annexed**.

- (d) Based on State Government proposals BSNL is providing Wi-Fi services as follows:
  - 1. Kerala Government: Kerala State IT Mission (KSITM) Project for Wi-Fi implementation at 2000 locations.
  - 2. Karnataka Government: Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS) project for Wi-Fi provisioning at 500 Gram Panchayats.
  - 3. Maharashtra Government: Wi-Fi provisioning at 759 Gram Panchayats at Nagpur.
  - 4. Jharkhand Government: Project for providing Wi-Fi at 782 locations.
  - 5. Haryana Government: Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (HARTRON) project for Wi-Fi at 31 locations.
- (e) Security Requirements are taken care of by the concerned service providers as per the licensing terms and conditions.

**Annexure****List of 88 sites where Wi-Fi facility has been provided**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Site</b>	<b>State/UT</b>
1	Ramakrishna Beach, Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
2	LalBagh, Bengaluru	Karnataka
3	Brindavan Gardens, Mysore,	Karnataka
4	Cubbon Park, Bengaluru	Karnataka
5	Guruvayur Temple	Kerala
6	Upper Lake, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
7	Orchcha Temple, Orchcha	Madhya Pradesh
8	Boulevard, Puducherry	Puducherry
9	Meenakshi Temple, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
10	Botanical Garden, Ooty,	Tamil Nadu
11	HussainSagar Lake, Hyderabad	Telangana
12	Jagannath Temple, Puri	Odisha
13	Har Ki Pauri, Haridwar	Uttarakhand
14	Tirumala Temple	Andhra Pradesh
15	Bodh Gaya	Bihar
16	Devka Beach	Daman
17	Daman Fort	Daman
18	Nagoa Beach	Diu
19	Vanganga Lake Garden, Silvassa	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
20	Ghats of Varanasi,	Uttar Pradesh
21	Charminar, Hyderabad	Telangana
22	Brihadeswar Temple, Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
23	Hampi	Karnataka
24	Taj Mahal, Agra	Uttar Pradesh
25	FatehpurSikri, Agra	Uttar Pradesh
26	Sarnath Temple, Sarnath	Uttar Pradesh
27	Khajuraho	Madhya Pradesh
28	Konark Temple	Odisha
29	Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram,	Tamil Nadu
30	Dargah, Ajmer	Rajasthan
31	Water Sports Complex, Aberdean Bazar, Port Blair	A&N Islands
32	Virbhadra Temple, Lepakshi	Andhra Pradesh
33	Rushikonda Beach, Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
34	Pulicat Lake, Nellore	Andhra Pradesh
35	Kamkhya Temple, Guwahati	Assam
36	Rani-Ki Vav, Patan	Gujarat
37	Sun Temple, Modhera	Gujarat
38	Diu Fort, Diu	Diu
39	Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad	Gujarat
40	Group of Temples, Pattadakal	Karnataka
41	Group of Temples, Aihole	Karnataka
42	Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala, Belur	Karnataka
43	GolGumbaz, Bijapur	Karnataka

44	DariyaDaulat Bagh, Srirangapattnam	Karnataka
45	Shravanabelagola	Karnataka
46	Ulsoor Lake, Bengaluru	Karnataka
47	Mysore Palace, Mysore	Karnataka
48	Dakshineswar Temple, Kolkata	West Bengal
49	Badami Caves, Bagalkote	Karnataka
50	Bekal Fort	Kerala
51	Royal Places, Mandu	Madhya Pradesh
52	Buddisht Monuments at Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh
53	Pre-historic rock shelters of Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh
54	Group of Temples at Amarkantak	Madhya Pradesh
55	Gwalior Fort, Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
56	Marble Rocks, Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
57	Pachmarhi Hills	Madhya Pradesh
58	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Panaji	Goa
59	Kailashnath Temple, Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
60	Kodaikanal	Tamil Nadu
61	Yercaud	Tamil Nadu
62	Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kanyakumari	Tamil Nadu
63	RamappaTemple,Warangal	Telangana
64	Golkonda Fort	Telangana
65	Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad	Telangana
66	Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad	Telangana
67	Medak Church	Telangana
68	Kushinagar	Uttar Pradesh
69	Rani Jhansi Fort, Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh
70	Residency, Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
71	Badalmambara, Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
72	TriveniSangam, Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
73	Miraman Beach, Goa	Goa
74	Venna Lake, Mahabaleshwar	Maharashtra
75	Fort Kochi	Kerala
76	Victoria Memorial, Kolkata	West Bengal
77	Indian Museum, Kolkata	West Bengal
78	The Mall, Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
79	Great Buddha Statue, Bodh Gaya	Bihar
80	PuranaQuila	Delhi
81	Lodhi Gardens	Delhi
82	Elephant Caves	Mumbai, Maharashtra
83	National Museum	Delhi
84	Safdarjung Tomb	Delhi
85	Red Fort	Delhi
86	Humayun's Tomb	Delhi
87	Qutub Complex	Delhi
88	National Rail Museum	Delhi

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