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

**LOK  SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.559**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

**BROADBAND AND Wi-Fi HOTSPOTS**

559.    SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)     whether the Ministry has completed broadband connectivity in all Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Kerala under Bharat Net project;

(b)     if so, the details thereof;

(c)     the number of GPs connected through broadband and number of GPs yet to be connected, district-wise; and

(d)     the number of Wi-Fi hotspots provided in GPs of the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &**
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) & (b)       BharatNet project is being implemented to provide broadband services in all the Gram Panchayats (2.5 lakh approx.) in the country. Under BharatNet project, broadband connectivity has been provided to all the 977 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Kerala.

(c)     The District-wise details of GPs which have been provided broadband connectivity under BharatNet project in Kerala, are given in **Annex-I.**

(d)     The State-wise details of Wi-Fi hotspots, provided in GPs using BharatNet network, are given in **Annex-II.**

**District-wise status of BharatNet project in Kerala**

| S. No. | District | Service Ready GPs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alappuzha | 73 |
| 2 | Calicut | 75 |
| 3 | Wayanad | 25 |
| 4 | Kasaragod | 38 |
| 5 | Kannur | 81 |
| 6 | Idukki | 52 |
| 7 | Ernakulam | 84 |
| 8 | Kollam | 70 |
| 9 | Kottayam | 73 |
| 10 | Malappuram | 100 |
| 11 | Palakkad | 91 |
| 12 | Pathanamthitta | 54 |
| 13 | Thrissur | 88 |
| 14 | Thiruvananthapuram | 73 |
| | **Total** | **977** |

**State-wise details of Wi-Fi hotspots provided in GPs using BharatNet network**

| Sr. No | State/UT | No. of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots installed | No. of GPs where Wi-Fi services are being provided |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Andaman & Nicobar | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Assam | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Bihar | 289 | 124 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 12 | 7 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 393 | 349 |
| 8 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Daman & Diu | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Haryana | 271 | 225 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 165 | 77 |
| 13 | Jammu & Kashmir | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 355 | 109 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 2209 | 1495 |
| 16 | Kerala | 701 | 701 |
| 17 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | Madhya Pradesh | 1316 | 405 |
| 19 | Maharashtra | 871 | 856 |
| 20 | Manipur | 161 | 5 |
| 21 | Meghalaya | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | Mizoram | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | Nagaland | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Odisha | 90 | 68 |
| 25 | Puducherry | 81 | 75 |
| 26 | Punjab | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Rajasthan | 8661 | 3647 |
| 28 | Sikkim | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | Tamil Nadu | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | Telangana | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Tripura | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | Uttar Pradesh | 25211 | 2461 |
| 33 | Uttarakhand | 353 | 279 |
| 34 | West Bengal | 0 | 0 |
| | **Total** | **41139** | **10883** |

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