

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2022**

PM WANI

**1303. MS. DIYA KUMARI:
MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:
SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) project;
- (b) whether the Government has launched PMWANI Scheme to provide internet and Wi-Fi facilities in all villages of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the number of villages which have been connected under the said scheme so far and the number of villages yet to be connected under the said scheme;
- (d) the details of the budget outlay and phases of implementation of PM-WANI including the current status thereof; and
- (e) the details of the progress made and the amount spent on PM-WANI in the State of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) PM WANI framework aims to accelerate proliferation of internet services by setting up public Wi-Fi Access points in the country with the objective of building digital India and consequential benefit thereon.
- (b) to (e) Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOAs) registered under the PM WANI framework set up Public Wi-Fi Access Points based on their techno-commercial considerations State/UT wise number of hotspots under PM WANI framework as on 05-12-2022, is attached as **Annexure I**.

Rs 24.7994 Crores plus GST (Goods and Service Tax) has been approved for Centre for Department of Telematics (C-DOT) for development of Central Registry, promoting awareness about the said framework, etc. , out of which Rs. 20.21 Crores has been released to C DoT till 05-12-2022.

Status of proposals received from State Governments and approved by Ministry of Finance (MoF) as on 8.12.2022 under part V of the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23, as loan, which, inter-alia, include setting up of the access points and hardware for PM WANI is attached as **Annexure II**.

Various ministries, departments, organizations, State Government / UTs have also been requested to arrange for deployment/promotion of PM WANI.

As on 05-12-2022, 2403 Hotspots have been set up have been set up under PM WANI framework in Rajasthan.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in part(b)to(e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1303 to be answered on 14.12.2022.

The State/UT wise number of hotspots under PM WANI framework

Serial Number	State	Number of WI-FI Hotspots
1	Andaman & Nicobar	246
2	Andhra Pradesh	6057
3	Arunachal Pradesh	598
4	Assam	787
5	Bihar	3745
6	Chandigarh	254
7	Chhattisgarh	2792
8	Delhi	29405
9	Goa	422
10	Gujarat	3965
11	Himachal Pradesh	910
12	Haryana	3705
13	Jharkhand	986
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1473
15	Karnataka	18745
16	Kerala	4857
17	Ladakh	369
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Maharashtra	15323
20	Meghalaya	147
21	Manipur	9
22	Madhya Pradesh	7041
23	Mizoram	1
24	Nagaland	74
25	Odisha	2597
26	Punjab	3505
27	Puducherry	85
28	Rajasthan	2403
29	Sikkim	13
30	Telangana	4201
31	Tamil Nadu	7230
32	Tripura	301
33	Uttarakhand	812
34	Uttar Pradesh	8042
35	West Bengal	3803
	Total	1,34,904

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (b)to(e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1303 to be answered on 14.12.2022.

Status of proposals received from State Governments and approved by Ministry of Finance (MoF) as on 8.12.2022

Serial Number	Name of State	Amount approved by MoF (in crores of Rupees)	Number of PM WANI Access Point Hardware (and associated equipment) in the respective proposal.
1.	Manipur	50	400
2.	Mizoram	50	41
3.	Sikkim	50	500
4.	Uttar Pradesh	300	16718
5.	Uttarakhand	50	2530
	Total	500	20189
