

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 226  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**PUBLIC WI-FI CENTRES**

226. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce public Wi-Fi centres in the Country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the status of the concerned survey along with its timeline, if any?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Government has allowed public Wi-Fi centres to be set up by Licensed Internet Service Providers in their respective service areas and Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOAs) registered under the Pradhan Mantri WiFi Access Network Interface (PM WANI) framework, based on their techno-commercial considerations. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has reported that 1,00,206 Public WI-FI Hotspots are in existence across the country, as on 30th June, 2022.

(c) Government has not undertaken any survey to introduce public Wi-Fi centres in the country.

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