

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2023**

PROJECT WANI

†2382. **SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present status of public Wi-Fi project 'WANI' along with the details of plan to promote it in rural and backward areas of the Country;
- (b) whether the Government has made any efforts for this project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the companies that have shown interest in Project 'WANI'?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As on 09-03-2023, 1,47,764 Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed under Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM WANI) framework in the country including in rural and backward areas of the country. State/Union Territory(UT) wise number of hotspots under PM WANI framework as on 09-03-2023, is attached as **Annexure**.

Several workshops, press briefs and advertisements have been undertaken/issued by the Department to promote awareness and various ministries, departments, organizations, State Government / UTs have also been requested to arrange for deployment/promotion of PM WANI.

(c) 158 companies have registered in Central registry for PM-WANI as Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOA) as on 09-03-2023.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a)&(b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2382 to be answered on 15.03.2023.

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

State/UT	Total WI-FI Hotspots
Andaman & Nicobar	246
Andhra Pradesh	6057
Arunachal Pradesh	598
Assam	856
Bihar	3767
Chandigarh	256
Chhattisgarh	2796
Delhi	40521
Goa	422
Gujarat	4036
Himachal Pradesh	937
Haryana	3739
Jharkhand	1000
Jammu & Kashmir	1478
Karnataka	18807
Kerala	4899
Ladakh	371
Lakshadweep	1
Maharashtra	15374
Meghalaya	147
Manipur	9
Madhya Pradesh	7095
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	76
Odisha	2811
Punjab	3682
Puducherry	89
Rajasthan	2766
Sikkim	13
Telangana	4230
Tamil Nadu	7412
Tripura	301
Uttarakhand	892
Uttar Pradesh	8234
West Bengal	3845
Total	147764
