

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

CONVERTING RAILWAY STATIONS INTO DIGITAL CENTRES

**†4610. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:
MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether RailTel is converting railway stations into Digital Centres;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether RailTel proposes to provide free Wi-Fi facility at more railway stations throughout the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Railways proposes to make class 'B' railway stations throughout the country divyang-friendly;**
- (f) if so, the details of the stations identified for the purpose, zone-wise; and**
- (g) the funds spent to make Railways divyang-friendly during each of the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Indian Railways have decided to provide free Wi-Fi at all railway stations except halt. So far, Wi-Fi facility has been provided at

6108 stations. State-wise list is appended. The provision of Wi-Fi at stations depends upon the availability of Infrastructure like Optical Fiber Cable & Other resources.

(e) to (g): Indian Railways is committed to make all its railway stations and trains accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission”. Improvement/ augmentation of customer amenities including those for differently abled passengers (Divyangjan) at Railway stations is a continuous process.

Expenditure incurred for customer Amenities during each of the last three years & current year is as under:

Financial Year 2019-20	₹1903.10 cr.
Financial Year 2020-21	₹2582.82 cr.
Financial Year 2021-22	₹1995.77 cr.
Financial Year 2022-23	₹1766.37 cr. (till Feb'23)

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4610 BY SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI, SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA, MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE, SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK AND SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING CONVERTING RAILWAY STATIONS INTO DIGITAL CENTRES

(a) to (d) : State-wise list of stations where Wi-Fi facility provided till date:-

S.N.	State/UT Name	No. of stations where Wi-Fi got installed under PPP
1	Andhra Pradesh	509
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3
3	Assam	220
4	Bihar	393
5	Chhattisgarh	119
6	Delhi	26
7	Goa	19
8	Gujarat	335
9	Haryana	140
10	Himachal Pradesh	24
11	Jammu & Kashmir	28
12	Jharkhand	215
13	Karnataka	335
14	Kerala	120
15	Madhya Pradesh	408
16	Maharashtra	566
17	Meghalaya	1
18	Mizoram	1
19	Nagaland	3
20	Odisha	234
21	Punjab	151
22	Rajasthan	463
23	Tamil Nadu	415
24	Telangana	47
25	Tripura	20
26	UT Chandigarh	1
27	UT Puducherry	3
28	Uttar Pradesh	768
29	Uttarakhand	31
30	West Bengal	510
	Total	6108
