

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5399  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**WI-FI HOTSPOT**

**5399. SHRI B.B. PATIL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any measures to achieve 100% Wi-Fi hotspot facility coverage across all Gram Panchayats (GPs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the country. The scope of BharatNet project has recently been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs. Under this project, last mile connectivity is provided through Fibre to the Home connections, Wi-Fi Access Points, internet facility to Government institutions etc. As on date Wi-Fi Access Points have been installed in 1,04,671 GPs.

Further, the proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks is also being done through the Prime Minister Wireless Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) framework.

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