

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 467
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

WI-FI IN VILLAGES

**467. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to provide Wi-Fi in all the villages across the country through GramNet, specially in Maharashtra State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of villages where the Government has already provided the aforementioned services, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether any private agencies are involved as intermediaries or implementing agencies in the process and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) to (c) Under BharatNet Project (earlier known as National Optical Fibre Network), all the 2,50,000 (approx.) Gram Panchayats of the country are planned to be provided with broadband connectivity. As on 07.11.2019, by laying 3,80,988 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), a total of 1,40,668 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been connected, out of which 1,27,393 GPs have been made Service Ready. In addition, 983 GPs have been made Service Ready on satellite media. As part of BharatNet project, the Last Mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology to access broadband /internet services is to be provided at all the 2.5 lakh GPs in the country. As of now, Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed in 45769 GPs (including GPs connected through Satellite media) and out of them, services are being provided in 16,151. In Maharashtra Wi-Fi APs have been installed in 776 GPs, out of which services have been provided in 330 GPs.

The Details of Gram Panchayat where Wi-Fi Services have been provided, State/UT-wise is attached as **Annexure-I**.

(d) Wi- Fi hotspots are being provided by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a SPV under MeitY, Govt. of India and RISL (a PSU of State Government of Rajasthan) under phase I of BharatNet projects.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 467 to be answered on 20th November, 2019 regarding Wi-Fi in Villages

States	Total	
	Installed (GPs) including Satellite	Active (GPs) including Satellite
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
Arunachal Pradesh	142	142
Assam	4	0
Bihar	295	213
Chandigarh	12	12
Chhattisgarh	517	435
Gujarat	26	5
Himachal Pradesh	330	206
Haryana	1063	712
Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	570	492
Jharkhand	312	254
Karnataka	2569	1854
Kerala	731	728
Leh (UT)	169	160
Madhya Pradesh	1350	828
Maharashtra	776	330
Manipur	161	6
Meghalaya	70	70
Odisha	111	107
Puducherry	81	81
Punjab	0	0
Rajasthan	8813	3964
Tripura	80	0
Uttar Pradesh	27223	5239
Uttarakhand	353	311
West Bengal	11	2
Grand Total	45769	16151
