LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3620
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2021

GRAMNET

†3620. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether any provision has been made by the Government to connect all the villages in the country under GramNet through wi-fi and if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which it will be done; and

(b)   the details of the progress made by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a)   BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. Further, as part of this project, the last mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology, is to be provided at all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country.

The provisioning of Wi-Fi Services in about 1.10 lakh GPs has been assigned to CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (a Special Purpose Vehicle under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology), and about 10,000 GPs of Rajasthan to Government of Rajasthan/Raj COMP Info Services Ltd. (RISL). In 1407 GPs of BharatNet, the provisioning of connectivity over satellite media, along with Wi-Fi services, is being provided through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). Further, under State-led model, the States are responsible for utilisation of the BharatNet Network.

(b)   Under BharatNet project, Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed in 1,03,400 GPs. The State/UT-wise details of Gram Panchayat where Wi-Fi Hotspots have been installed are attached as **Annexure.**

Annexure referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3620 for answer on 17.03.2021

State/UT-wise details of Gram Panchayat where Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed

S. No.	State/UT	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi hotspots installed
1	Andhra Pradesh	1570
2	Arunachal Pradesh	208
3	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
4	Assam	0
5	Bihar	5345
6	Chandigarh	12
7	Chhattisgarh	3664
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	41
9	Gujarat	3755
10	Haryana	5953
11	Himachal Pradesh	254
12	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	1138
13	Jharkhand	2381
14	Karnataka	5358
15	Kerala	1047
16	Lakshadweep	0
17	Madhya Pradesh	10888
18	Maharashtra	10960
19	Manipur	161
20	Mizoram	0
21	Meghalaya	70
22	Nagaland	0
23	Odisha	2514
24	Puducherry	81
25	Punjab	7891
26	Rajasthan	8124
27	Sikkim	0
28	Tamil Nadu	0
29	Telangana	1997
30	Tripura	463
31	Uttar Pradesh	26897
32	Uttarakhand	1251
33	West Bengal	1377
Total		**103400**

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