

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

PUBLIC DATA OFFICES SET UP BY BSNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Public Data Offices set up by BSNL in the country so far under BharatNet Yojana to provide better internet services;
- (b) the details of the services being provided by the said offices to the subscribers;
- (c) the targets fixed by the Government to open new Public Data Offices in the country; and
- (d) the extent to which these targets have been achieved?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS &
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 FOR 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022 REGARDING 'PUBLIC DATA OFFICES SET UP BY BSNL'.

(a) to (d) Public Data Offices (PDOs) are established under Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) framework for providing broadband services. Under the PM-WANI framework, any entity can be a Public Data Office. Setting up of Public Data Offices by various entities is based on their own techno-commercial assessment and therefore, no targets have been fixed by the Government. No PDO has been set up by BSNL under this framework.
