GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2538 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

WI-FI SERVICES AT RAILWAY STATIONS

2538: SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Railway stations currently having Internet and Wi-Fi services in Malda and Sonepur Rail Divisions including Bhagalpur Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) whether RailTel proposes to provide broadband and Wi-Fi facilities in the remote villages under the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM Wani) project and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the RailTel has the infrastructure and equipment to extend their services in the villages and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

 ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Presently Internet and Wi-Fi services have been provided at 6112 Railway Stations over Indian Railways including 67 stations in Malda Divison and 67 stations in Sonepur Division. Bhagalpur Parliamentary constituency is covered by Malda and Sonpur Division.

RailTel's broadband service-RailWire is a collaborative model for providing broadband services across India subject to feasibility for the location. Presently, RailTel is providing broadband services in more than 17000 villages and serving 3.26 lakhs rural subscribers under this model.
