GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2905 ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

WI-FI ENABLED GRAM PANCHAYATS

†2905. SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accelerated the rollout of Wi-Fi in Gram Panchayats in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Wi-Fi enabled Gram Panchayats with presently in the Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the financial outlay allocated for internet services of Gram Panchayats for the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details for the Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)

- (a) & (b) Total number of service ready Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the Country is 2,14,325 as on 30.06.2025. The state-wise details are available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (https://usof.gov.in/en/home). Wi-Fi service is supported by equipment installed at many GPs.
- (c) & (d) In current financial year 2025-26, Rs. 28,400 Crores have been allocated for DBN's Schemes to provide internet telecom services in rural and remote areas of the country including Dadra Nagar Haveli.
