### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 600 ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2025

#### INTERNET AND WI-FI CONNECTION FACILITIES IN RURAL INDIA

### †600. SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made available internet and Wi-Fi connection facilities across all the villages of the country for the benefit of farmers so that they can enhance their knowledge about agriculture sector and continuously receive information regarding the new developments in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the measures/actions taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the delay by which the target for providing internet and Wi-Fi facilities across all villages of the country is likely to be achieved?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi for expansion of internet facilities through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country under 4G saturation project. In addition, BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections etc. to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages on demand basis.

Further to improve Wi-Fi proliferation, Government has launched PM-WANI scheme which aims to accelerate proliferation of internet services for public including farmers by setting up public Wi-Fi Hotspots in the country. As on 30.06.2025, 3,33,300 PM-WANI Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed in the country.

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