

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1903
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2016**

NILGIRI YOJANA

†1903. SHRI KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a scheme namely 'Nilgiri Yojana' has been introduced to provide free wi-fi facility at all the railway stations of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with MoUs signed, if any, in this regard with some major IT companies;**
- (c) the number of railway stations at which this facility has been provided so far under the said scheme;**
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any target to complete this scheme; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): No, Madam. However, the project of provision of high-speed Wi-Fi services has been undertaken by RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways in collaboration with M/s. Mahataa Information India Pvt. Ltd. (M/s. MI IPL), an Indian subsidiary of Google Inc.

The Wi-Fi services under this collaboration have been planned only at 400 nos. Class A1/A Stations of Indian Railways.

The Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided free for only the first 30 minutes per day.

(b): RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways, has entered into a collaboration with M/s. Mahataa Information India Pvt. Ltd. (M/s. MI IPL), an Indian subsidiary of Google Inc., for providing high speed Wi-Fi services at 400 nos. Class A1/A Stations on Indian Railways. The project is being executed jointly by RailTel & M/s. MI IPL.

(c): Presently, Wi-Fi services in collaboration with M/s. MI IPL has been provided only at Mumbai Central Station on Western Railway.

(d) & (e): Project shall be undertaken in two (02) phases to cover a total of 400 Class A1/A stations. 100 stations, where the work is in progress, shall be covered initially in Phase-I, after completion of which, work on 300 stations shall be taken up in Phase-II.
