

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.8.2016
SRAVANA 10, 1938 (SAKA)

WI-FI SERVICE AT HERITAGE SITES

2430. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced free Wi-fi services at various heritage sites of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to extend the said services at all the major heritage sites of the country including Karnataka;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said service is likely to be introduced at all heritage sites/monuments?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India has entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Railtel and BSNL for providing Wi-fi facility at Archaeological Survey of India protected monuments.
The facility would be available free of cost for the first 30 minutes and thereafter it is chargeable on additional usage.
- (c)&(d) Under the MoU with Railtel and BSNL, Wi-fi facility would be provided at ASI ticketed monuments/sites, if technically feasible.
- (e) No such time limit has been framed.