GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1446
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.07.2019

INTERNET AND WI-FI SERVICES TO
GRAM PANCHAYATS AND VILLAGES

1446.   SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to
state: -

  (a)   whether Government has made any efforts to provide Internet and Wi-fi services to all
         Gram Panchayats and villages of the country for the benefit of the poor people and
         farmers of the country; and
  (b)   if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

<center>ANSWER</center>

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)   and (b): Yes, Sir. BharatNet project is being implemented by Department of
Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications to provide broadband connectivity to all
the 2.5 lakh (approx.) Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As part of the BharatNet
project, the last mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband
technology is to be provided at all the GPs in the country. The State-wise details of Wi-Fi
hotspots deployment under BharatNet are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Wi-Fi hotspots deployed (by utilising BharatNet)
1	Andhra Pradesh	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3	Andaman & Nicobar	0
4	Assam	0
5	Bihar	289
6	Chandigarh	12
7	Chhattisgarh	493
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman & Diu	0
10	Gujarat	0
11	Haryana	1061
12	Himachal Pradesh	165
13	Jammu & Kashmir	0
14	Jharkhand	312

15	Karnataka	2370
16	Kerala	701
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	1316
19	Maharashtra	725
20	Manipur	161
21	Meghalaya	0
22	Mizoram	0
23	Nagaland	0
24	Odisha	90
25	Puducherry	81
26	Punjab	0
27	Rajasthan	8661
28	Sikkim	0
29	Tamil Nadu	0
30	Telangana	0
31	Tripura	0
32	Uttar Pradesh	26831
33	Uttarakhand	353
34	West Bengal	0
	Total	**43621**

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