

India programme effectively, the State Government would be responsible for implementing State Sector MMPs/e-Governance initiatives, under overall guidance of respective Line Ministries. An Apex Committee on Digital India would be constituted at the State level under the leadership of the Chief Secretary to guide, monitor and spearhead the Digital India programme at State/UT level. The State Government would also analyse State specific requirements and recommend project proposals for inclusions/deletions from the listed MMPs/e-Governance initiatives.

#### **Revival of Telegraph Services**

1326. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether citizens are facing difficulties to sent greetings messages and urgent communications about death and birth after the closure of telegraph service; and

(b) if so, whether Government would revive the service using latest technology, since mobile phone services and internet have not penetrated into rural and semirural parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No such complaint has been received with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) who has offering telegraph services in the country before the same were discontinued w.e.f. 15/07/2013. Citizens are using alternative modes of communications such as basic telephone, broadband, e-mail, Short Message Service (SMS), FAX, e-post etc. which are more reliable in comparison to telegraph services.

(b) In view of above, the question of revival does not arise. At present mobile phones (2G/GPRS (General Packet Radio Service)/3G etc.) with SMS, broadband and Wi-Fi services are available in almost all parts of the country.

#### **Wi-Fi hotspots in the country**

1327. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made to identify Wi-Fi hotspots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of the cities/places identified; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to start providing Wi-Fi facilities at those places?