

disposal of complaints against the working of installed WVMs, a toll free number 1800-111-139 has been provided by IRCTC on which passengers may lodge their complaint regarding malfunctioning of WVMs.

### **Smart railway stations**

3485. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 500 railway stations in the country will smarten up with better passenger amenities, easy access and integrated public transport hubs, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered into between Ministry of Railways (MOR) and Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) for integrated planning of railway stations in the cities included in the 'SMART Cities' and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. This would lead to an integrated public transit hub around the railway stations and encourage Transit Oriented Development.

Each Smart City has incorporated a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to execute the Smart City Plan. The SPV may form a joint venture company with an MOR-designated entity to implement railway station redevelopment projects in that city and in its suburbs.

Another form of joint venture could be between the MOR designated entity, the Smart City SPV and the National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), a Public Sector Undertaking under MOUD.

Besides above two models, MOUD and MOR may decide jointly about any other mutually agreed model if considered necessary.

Railway has also advertised its plan to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations for redevelopment on 'as is where is basis' by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas.

### **Free Wi-Fi at railway stations**

3486. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have teamed up with Google to provide

free public Wi-Fi at railway stations across the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise data of railway stations which have Wi-Fi services;

(c) the number of passengers using such services; and

(d) whether the Ministry is planning to extend such services to other railway stations in the country, if so, the details and deadline of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) RailTel Corporation of India Limited, a PSU under Ministry of Railways, has entered into a collaborative agreement with M/s Mahataa Information India Pvt. Limited (M/s. MIPL), an Indian subsidiary of Google Inc., for providing high speed Wi-Fi services at 400 A1/A Class Stations of Indian Railways.

(b) State-wise data of railway stations where Wi-Fi services have been given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) A total of about 4.4 lach users are using the Wi-Fi services on daily basis.

(d) Wi-Fi facility is being provided at all A1, A and B category railway stations without any capital investment from Railways side. It is planned to implement Wi-Fi at all the 709 stations by March, 2020.

#### *Statement*

*State-wise list of stations with Wi-Fi facility as on 30th November, 2016*

State	Stations	Zonal Railway
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	East Coast Railway
	Vijayawada	South Central Railway
	Tirupati	South Central Railway
Assam	Guwahati	Northeast Frontier Railway
Bihar	Patna Jn.	East Central Railway
	Hajipur Jn.	East Central Railway
	Gaya	East Central Railway
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Northern Railway
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	South East Central Railway
Delhi	New Delhi	Northern Railway
	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Northern Railway

State	Stations	Zonal Railway
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Western Railway
	Surat	Western Railway
Jharkhand	Ranchi	South Eastern Railway
Karnataka	Mangalore Central	Southern Railway
	Bangalore City	South Western Railway
Kerala	Ernakulam Jn.	Southern Railway
	Tiruchirappalli Jn.	Southern Railway
	Thrisur	Southern Railway
	Kozhikkode	Southern Railway
	Tiruvananthapuram Central	Southern Railway
Maharashtra	CST Mumbai	Central Railway
	Pune	Central Railway
	Kalyan	Central Railway
	Dadar (C)	Central Railway
	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Central Railway
	Panvel	Central Railway
	Thane	Central Railway
	Solapur	Central Railway
	Nagpur	Central Railway
	Mumbai Central	Western Railway
	Bandra Terminus	Western Railway
Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	North Central Railway
	Bhopal	West Central Railway
	Jabalpur	West Central Railway
	Ujjain	Western Railway
	Indore	Western Railway
Odisha	Bhubaneswar	East Coast Railway
	Puri	East Coast Railway
	Cuttack	East Coast Railway

State	Stations	Zonal Railway
Punjab	Amritsar	Northern Railway
	Jalandhar City	Northern Railway
Rajasthan	Jaipur	North Western Railway
	Jodhpur	North Western Railway
	Ajmer	North Western Railway
	Udaipur City	North Western Railway
	Kota	West Central Railway
Tamil Nadu	Chennai Central	Southern Railway
	Tambaram	Southern Railway
	Chennai Egmore	Southern Railway
	Madurai Jn.	Southern Railway
	Coimbatore Jn.	Southern Railway
	Arakkonam Jn.	Southern Railway
Telangana	Secunderabad Jn.	South Central Railway
	Kacheguda	South Central Railway
	Hyderabad	South Central Railway
Uttar Pradesh	Mughalsarai Jn.	East Central Railway
	Agra Cantt.	North Central Railway
	Allahabad	North Central Railway
	Jhansi	North Central Railway
	Kanpur Central	North Central Railway
	Mathura Jn.	North Central Railway
	Ghazipur	North Eastern Railway
	Lucknow Jn.	North Eastern Railway
	Gorakhpur Jn.	North Eastern Railway
	Varanasi	Northern Railway
	Lucknow	Northern Railway
	Dehradun	Northern Railway
West Bengal	Howrah	Eastern Railway
	Sealdah	Eastern Railway
	Kharagpur	South Eastern Railway