

is finally worked out at the completion stage. Therefore, confirmed timeline for completion of projects cannot be given.

Provision of free wi-fi at railway stations

2993. SHRI PARLMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state,:

(a) the number of railway stations where Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided, State-wise;

(b) the names of service providers with whom agreement has been signed for providing free Wi-Fi services at railway stations along with the details of conditions prescribed in the agreement;

(c) whether the Ministry has any data regarding the percentage of people using free mobile Wi-Fi service at present and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total fund allocated by Government so far for providing free Wi-Fi service at railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided at 6471 stations (i.e. all stations other than F category halt stations) over Indian Railways. 5816 stations are targeted to be provided with Wi-Fi services by March, 2020. State-wise details are appended in the Statement-I (*See below*). Balance 655 stations are targeted to be provided with Wi-Fi services by March, 2021. So far this facility has been provided at 5491 stations upto 3rd December, 2019.

(b) RailTel has signed agreement/MoU for extending Wi-Fi services with the following agencies:

1. M/s. Mahataa Information India Pvt. Ltd. (MIIPL) (a group company of M/s. Google).
2. M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.
3. Department of Telecom under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).
4. M/s Tata Trusts and Vijayvahini Charitable Foundation and Indian Railways.

Details of conditions prescribed in the agreements are appended in the Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) Yes, Sir. During the month of October, 2019, a total of 15145433 (1.51 crores) unique users logged into free Wi-Fi services provided at Railway Stations of Indian Railways.

(d) So far funds of ₹ 27.77 crores, have been sanctioned by DoT under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for the provision of Wi-Fi services at 200 Nos. Railway stations in rural areas. Balance stations have been completed in collaboration with other organizations under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)/Charity funding and under partnership with Railways.

Statement-I

State-wise number of feasible Railway Stations where Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Railway Stations proposed for Wi-Fi services
1	2	3
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	502
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
4.	Assam	215
5.	Bihar	357
6.	UT Chandigarh	1
7.	Chhattisgarh	118
8.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0
9.	Daman and Diu	0
10.	Delhi	26
11.	Goa	19
12.	Gujarat	294
13.	Haryana	133

1	2	3
14.	Himachal Pradesh	23
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	29
16.	Jharkhand	204
17.	Karnataka	334
18.	Kerala	119
19.	Lakshadweep	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	396
21.	Maharashtra	555
22.	Manipur	1
23.	Meghalaya	1
24.	Mizoram	1
25.	Nagaland	2
26.	Odisha	230
27.	UT Puducherry	3
28.	Punjab	135
29.	Rajasthan	243
30.	Sikkim	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	416
32.	Telangana	43
33.	Tripura	15
34.	Uttar Pradesh	707
35.	Uttarakhand	26
36.	West Bengal	485
TOTAL		5816

Statement-II***Details of conditions prescribed in the agreements for extending Wi-Fi***

1. M/s. Mahataa Information India Pvt. Ltd. (M/s. MIIPL)
 - (i) RailTel will connect its network to the equipment provided by MIIPL and provide Wi-Fi Services to the end user at the sites.
 - (ii) M/s. MIIPL will provide the Equipment (which may include Small Cells).
2. M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
 - (i) RailTel will extend co-operation such as data, permissions etc. and co-ordinate with Railways.
 - (ii) Power Grid to support Railways by sponsoring installation of Wi-Fi at about 100 class-C Railway Stations in Mumbai Suburban area.
3. Department of Telecom under Universal Obligation Fund(USOF)
 - (i) Railtel shall be solely responsible for supply, installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of all the infrastructure created under the project for setting up of Wi-Fi hotspots in 200 Rural Railway Stations including their associated core network.
 - (ii) USOF shall provide financial support under the agreement.
4. M/s. Tata Trusts and Vijyavahini Charitable Foundation
 - (i) Indian Railways (through the Ministry and its subsidiary Railtel) shall provide Wi-Fi based Internet Access Services at 4791 Stations.
 - (ii) Installation, testing and commissioning of Wi-Fi at 4791 stations would be done by M/s. Tata Trusts /Vijyavahini Charitable Foundation.

Services outsourced to private entities in railways

2994. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the different services that have been outsourced to private entities by the Ministry of Railways;
- (b) the resultant change in the prices of these services for individual customers owing to outsourcing of these services; and