

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 39
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021**

INTERNET AND WI-FI FACILITIES IN VILLAGES

39. Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has provided internet and Wi-Fi facilities in villages of the country for the benefit of farmers with a view to enhance their knowledge in agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the action being taken by the Government to enhance internet facility in the rural and remote areas of the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS &
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

- (a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 39 FOR 22ND JULY, 2021 REGARDING “INTERNET AND WI-FI FACILITIES IN VILLAGES”.

(a) & (b) Internet facility is being provided in rural areas by the Government and the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) through wireless mobile and fixed wireline connections to citizens including farmers. As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers and field units of Department of Telecommunications, it is estimated that out of 5,97,618 inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) in the country, a total number of 5,72,551 villages have mobile wireless coverage.

In its endeavour to provide high speed internet connectivity, Government of India is also implementing BharatNet project in all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages of the country. As on 01.07.2021, a total number of 1,57,383 GPs have been made service ready and 1,04,310 GPs have Wi-Fi hotspots installed.
