

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1678  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**PUBLIC Wi-Fi SYSTEM**

1678. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has asked the telecom companies to provide a roadmap for building public wi-fi system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response and feedback of the telecom companies in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the public wi-fi system at the earliest?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (d) Cellular Operators Association of India, Internet Service Providers Association of India and Virtual Network Operators Association of India have jointly submitted a proposal for seamless and interoperable internet and broadband services through public wi-fi hotspots. As a part of the proposal, they have submitted a roadmap for achieving 1 Million wi-fi hotspots within a period of one year.

The proposal is under consideration and decisions, as appropriate, will be taken in due course of time.

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