
‘Govt mulling interoperability for public Wi-Fi’

NEW DELHI, PTI: The government is considering a proposal to enable interoperability for public Wi-Fi network, which will translate into a seamless connectivity experience for users, a top Department of Telecom official said on Friday.

Telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajan said 3.7 lakh Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed by the industry — against the stated commitment of rolling out one million Wi-Fi hotspots by December 2019 — and added that once security nod is obtained on interoperability, it would lead to seamless experience for users and generate new revenue sources for small entrepreneurs.

“Working in tandem with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and with service providers, we are hoping to deploy an interoperable public Wi-Fi network,” she said.

She was speaking at an event ‘De-licensing of 5 GHz for public Wi-Fi’ organised by Broadband India Forum (BIF).

“Telecom service providers have committed to a target of rolling out one million Wi-Fi hotspots by the end of 2019, and so far we are at about 3.7 lakh Wi-Fi hotspots,” she said.