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# Meeting Held at Rashtrapati Bhavan Regarding Expansion of Smartgram Initiative from 5 to 100 Villages

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The SMARTGRAM initiative of Rashtrapati Bhavan was inaugurated for five villages of Haryana i.e. Tajnagar, Dhaula, Alipur, Harchandpur and Rojka Meo by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on July 2, 2016. On May 1, 2017, it was approved that the initiative be extended to 100 villages in the vicinity of the initially selected five village of Haryana. A meeting with people's representative from 100 villages now included under the SMARTGRAM initiative and selected stakeholders on expansion of SMARTGRAM initiative was taken by the Secretary to the President, Smt. Omita Paul today (May 8, 2017) at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The aim of the meeting was to sensitize them on the initiative and discuss plans for implementation of various programmes in these villages.

A large number of projects have been undertaken in the initially selected five villages of Haryana under the SMARTGRAM initiative in the fields of agriculture, skill development, energy, education, health, employment generation, developing entrepreneurship etc. These initiatives have generated a lot of enthusiasm in the nearby areas. Therefore, this initiative was extended to 95 more villages in the vicinity of the earlier selected five villages taking the total number of villages under the SMARTGRAM initiative to 100.

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