

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 590
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 20.11.2019

DIGITAL INDIA

590. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to convert India into a completely digital country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether any private agency is involved in this project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India has initiated the 'Digital India' programme with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge-based economy by ensuring digital access, digital inclusion, digital empowerment and bridging the digital divide. Under Digital India Programme MeitY has effectively utilised Digital technologies to transform the lives of people while ensuring digital inclusion of all the segments. The Digital India programme is centred on three key vision areas namely Digital Infrastructure as a Core Utility to Every Citizen, Governance and Services on Demand and Digital Empowerment of Citizens. Digital India aims to provide the much needed thrust to nine pillars of growth areas that is (i) Broadband Highways, (ii) Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity, (iii) Public Internet Access Programme, (iv) e-Governance – Reforming Government through Technology, (v) e-Kranti– Electronic delivery of services, (vi) Information for All, (vii) Electronics Manufacturing – Target NET ZERO Imports, (viii) IT for Jobs and (ix) Early Harvest Programmes.

(b) and (c): The Government is already using services through private participation in various initiatives such as Government e-Market Place, India BPO Promotion Scheme & North East BPO Promotion Scheme, Common Services Centre, Cloud Service Provider(CSP), Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), Modified Special Incentive Package, etc. to carry out various activities under Digital India programme.
