

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2224**  
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**DIGITALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY UNDER DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME**

**2224                      SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:**

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

- (a) the details of targets fixed and met in the digitalization of the country through Digital India so far;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/ released/utilised for the purpose;
- (c) to what extent the Digital India programme has penetrated in the rural areas/villages of the country;
- (d) whether infrastructure for 100 per cent digitalization of rural areas has been established/provided; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): The details of targets fixed and met in the digitalization of the country through Digital India are as follows:

**Pillar 1: Broadband Highways**

- Under National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project, optical fibre has reached to 56,117 Gram Panchayats against the envisaged target of 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats.

**Pillar 2: Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity**

- Mobile connectivity to be provided to 55,669 uncovered villages
- Tender has been floated for 11,621 North Eastern villages.

**Pillar 3: Public Internet Access Programme**

- 1.23 lakh Common Services Centres have been set up at Gram Panchayats level under CSC 2.0 scheme the envisaged target of 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats.
- 22,137 Post Offices for Core Banking Solution (CBS) and 25,406 Post Offices for Core Insurance Solution (CIS) have been migrated. ATM services are installed in 759 Post Offices.

**Pillar 4: E-Governance : Reforming government through Technology**

- Aadhaar seeding in PDS (55.7%), NREGA(61.9%), Scholarship(37%), Election Commission Database(38%), PAHAL (75.6%), NSAP (31.9%) completed
- Number of user Departments for e-Office is 171.

**Pillar 5: eKranti- Electronic delivery of services**

- The Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) has been increased from 31 MMPs to 44 MMPs under e-Kranti. 29 MMPs have been implemented.
- The MMPs of e-Kranti have been delivering more than 62 crore e-Transactions per month.

**Pillar 6: Information for All**

- MyGov platform, a medium to seek ideas/ suggestions from Citizen, has been implemented. 49 Groups, 489 Tasks, 589 Discussion Themes, 221 Blogs are operational on MyGov. 35.1 lakh registered users. 1.81

lakh contributions for 464 tasks. 33.9 lakh comments for 584 discussions. Weekly newsletters are being sent to more than 18.5 lakh registered users.

- Open Government Data platform has been implemented which exposes government data to citizens. Currently 27,337 datasets from 111 Departments are available and 29.2 lakhs downloaded.

#### **Pillar 7: Electronics Manufacturing - Target NET ZERO Imports**

- 199 Investment proposals under Modified Specific Incentive Programmes (MSIPs) having a proposed investment of Rs. 1.22 lakh crores have been so far received.
- 7 Greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) and 1 Common Facility Centre (CFC) in Brownfield have been approved.
- Electronic Development Fund has been launched and 11 venture funds involving Rs. 490.00 crore have been approved.

#### **Pillar 8: IT for Jobs**

- 48,300 seats have been approved under India BPO scheme and over 5000 seats have been approved for BPOs in North East. 300 seats at Guwahati, Shillong and Itanagar have been allotted.
- Around 72.92 lakh candidates have been trained and more than 33.15 lakh candidates have been certified so far under Digital Literacy Program (Digital Saksharta Abhiyan)

#### **Pillar 9: Early Harvest Programme**

- Secure email within government project has been implemented for 10 lakh employees in Phase I.
- SMS based weather information and disaster alerts have been made operational.
- Over 20.26 lakh residents have created their accounts on Digital Locker. More than 24.77 lakh documents have been uploaded on it.
- More than 9.45 lakh Life Certificates have been processed through Jeevan Pramaan portal.
- Online Registration System (ORS) has been made operational in 43 hospitals and 28.60 lakh online appointments have been provided so far.
- Since 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014, mailers have been sent on 239 campaigns through SAMPARK (IT platform for messages) to 1.1 crore emails and 14 crore Mobile nos.
- The Government e-Greetings have been sent to more than 20 lakh citizens directly from the portal. The portal has more over 642 cards.
- Biometric Attendance has been implemented in 638 Central Government offices covering 1.85 lakh employees and States/UTs involving 2 lakh employees.
- On the National Portal for Lost & Found children (Khoya-Paya), 4362 users have registered, 3102 are being sighted and 752 missing children have been reported.
- The National Scholarships Portal, a one stop solution for end to end scholarship process, have been implemented. 77 scholarship schemes from 16 Ministries / Departments have been registered.

(b): Various projects/schemes are being implemented under Digital India programme by Central Ministries/Departments and State/UT Governments. Each project has its own budgetary requirement and is at specific stage of implementation. Accordingly, funds have been allocated/ released/utilised for a project/scheme.

(c): The services under e-Governance are being made available to all the citizens in rural areas/villages through Common Services Centres (CSCs). Currently, 2.23 lakh CSCs are operational across the entire country, out of which 1.23 lakh CSCs have been set up at Gram Panchayat level.

MeitY is implementing National Digital Literacy Mission(NDLM)/Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) to provide Digital Literacy in rural areas/villages. Around 72.92 lakh candidates have been trained and more than 33.15 lakh candidates have been certified.

To provide connectivity, under National Optical Fibre project of Digital India programme, Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid to 56,117 Gram Panchayats (GPs) with a total length of 1,28,813 km.

(d) and (e): MeitY is implementing Common Service Centre (CSC) 2.0 scheme to make e-services available to citizens in 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats. Currently, 1.23 lakh CSCs have been set up at Gram Panchayat level.

To provide connectivity, under National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project, renamed as BharatNet, the Government has planned to establish a network infrastructure by connecting all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) and by using an optimal mix of underground fibre, fibre over power lines, radio and satellite media, for providing broadband connectivity by all categories of service providers on non-discriminatory basis. Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid to 56,117 Gram Panchayats (GPs) with a total length of 1,28,813 km.

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