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DIGITAL VILLAGE PILOT PROJECT

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed to implement Digital Village pilot project;
- (b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats identified for the project in Himachal Pradesh, District- wise;
- (d) whether Government has stipulated any time limit to launch the project in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Government of India has envisaged a Pilot Project of Digital Village (DigiGaon) to be implemented in 1050 Gram Panchayats (GPs) spread across 30 State/UTs. This project intends to provide a platform for availability of services namely tele-education, tele-medicine, LED street Lighting and Wi-Fi Hotspot and skill development to the citizens at the Gram Panchayats across various States/UTs. The aims and objectives of “Digital Village Pilot Project” are:

- To provide basic development services to rural areas using digital technology and demonstrate the positional of digital technologies to improve quality of life in rural areas.
- To provide Wi-Fi access at common place in the village.
- To facilitate access to regional medical centres for local population for expert opinion thus, ensuring availability of basic medical facilities at village level.
- To provide access to interactive teaching in local schools facing shortage of teachers.
- To provide LED lighting at a common area in the village.
- To provide resource centres to be used for providing skill development training, holding information sharing sessions and organizing interactive sessions with experts, government officers etc.
- To create market/demand for digital services in rural areas thereby creating market pull for Telecom Services 3G/4G to unreached areas.

(c): Digital village pilot project is envisaged to be implemented in 30 Gram Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh. Government of India proposes to undertake a consultative approach with State Government to identify the Gram Panchayats for the project.

(d) and (e): The Pilot Project of Digital Village has already been approved with a total outlay or Rs.423.26 Crores for a period of three years.
