DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME

2696. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

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

(a) the main objective of Digital India Programme;
(b) whether digital infrastructure is likely to be made available by the Government to every citizen of the country under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the number of Common Service Centres set up in the country to extend the benefit of Digital India, State/UT-wise including Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) and (b): 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. 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. Some of the key initiatives taken by the Government to strengthen the digital infrastructure of the country for availability and access to citizens are as follows:

- **Aadhaar:** Aadhaar provides 12 digit biometric and demographic based identity that is unique, lifelong, online and authenticable. Over 128+ crore residents have been enrolled.
- **Common Services Centre (CSC):** The Common Services Centres are service (Government to Citizen & Business to Citizen) delivery centres. So far, 3.73 Lakh Common Services Centres are functional including 2.78 lakh CSCs at Gram Panchayat levels.
- **Digital locker:** Digital Locker provides an ecosystem with collection of repositories and gateways for issuers to upload the documents in the digital repositories. So far, 5.7 crore registered user of DigiLocker. 427 crore authentic documents have been issued. 965 Issuers and 154 Requestor organizations have been on-boarded.
- **eSign framework - Online Electronic Signature Service:** eSign is an initiative for easy, efficient, and secure signing of electronic documents by an Aadhaar holder. Five agencies namely eMudhra Ltd., C-DAC, (n)Code Solutions, NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd. and Capricorn have been empanelled to offer e-Sign Services. Over 12.50+ crore eSign have been issued.
- **Meghraj and CSP:** As part of the Digital India program, Government of India embarked upon an ambitious initiative known as MeghRaj, to utilize and harness the benefits of Cloud Computing. This

will ensure accelerating the delivery of e-services in the country and optimizing ICT spending of the Government.

- **BharatNet:** BharatNet is an ambitious initiative to trigger a broadband revolution in rural areas. This project is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications. BharatNet aims to connect all the 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats in the country and provide 100 Mbps connectivity to all gram panchayats (GPs). So far, a total number of 1,54,096 Gram Panchayats (Including Block HQ) have been made Service Ready.

(c): The State/UT wise status of the implementation of Common Services Centers(CSCs) under "Digital India Programme" is as follows:

State/UT wise status of Rollout of CSCs as on 31st January, 2021		
State/UT	**Functional CSCs (Urban + Rural areas)**	**Functional CSCs at Gram Panchayat level**
Andhra Pradesh	10260	7529
Arunachal Pradesh	140	107
Assam	5842	5018
Bihar	34495	29684
Chhattisgarh	13931	10698
Goa	94	56
Gujarat	12477	8205
Haryana	16865	11616
Himachal Pradesh	3665	3163
Jharkhand	14635	12023
Karnataka	10467	5871
Kerala	3938	2976
Madhya Pradesh	30686	21486
Maharashtra	49362	35344
Manipur	894	707
Meghalaya	766	657
Mizoram	294	174
Nagaland	360	210
Odisha	12715	10774
Punjab	10112	7039
Rajasthan	15723	11829
Sikkim	52	37
Tamil Nadu	9955	6147
Telangana	8104	5220
Tripura	1020	854
Uttar Pradesh	76444	57913
Uttarakhand	7322	5266
West Bengal	17253	15017
State: Sub-total	367871	275620

State/UT wise status of Rollout of CSCs as on 31st January, 2021		
State/UT	**Functional CSCs (Urban + Rural areas)**	**Functional CSCs at Gram Panchayat level**
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	46	23
Chandigarh	71	9
Dadra & NH, D&D	53	34
Delhi	2775	0
Jammu and Kashmir	2850	2259
Ladakh	24	18
Lakshadweep	10	10
Puducherry	150	85
UT : Sub-total	5979	2438
Total(State+UT)	**373850**	**278058**

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