

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5480
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.04.2023

DIGITAL VILLAGES/PANCHAYATS

5480. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the villages/panchayats in the country are proposed to be made digital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of villages/panchayats targeted to be covered by the Government under the said scheme;
- (d) the details of the villages/panchayats that have already been made digital so far under the scheme;
- (e) whether villages of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under it; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched the Digital Village Pilot Project on 31.10.2018 to provide government-to-citizen, business-to-citizen, education, health, skill development and financial inclusion services in 700 villages {one Gram Panchayat or village from each district of all States and Union territories (UTs)} across the country, on a pilot basis, including 13 villages in the State of Andhra Pradesh. State/UT-wise number of villages is at Annex.

The facilities being provided in the said villages under the said project are as under:

- (i) *Education service*: Courses offered under this are Basic Computer Course, Course on Computer Concept, Basic Course in Information Technology, and Tally — Kaushal Praman Patra.
- (ii) *Health services*: This covers tele-health and tele-veterinary consultations.
- (iii) *Financial inclusion*: This covers an awareness programme for financial inclusion.
- (iv) *Solar-panel-powered streetlights*: This covers solar lights per village.
- (v) *Skill development*: This covers skilling for automotive technician, handset repairing, field technician — home appliances, and electrical technician.
- (vi) Government-to-citizen services and business-to-citizen services

Villages covered under the Digital Village Pilot Project

S.N.	State / Union territory	Number of villages
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21
4	Assam	33
5	Bihar	38
6	Chhattisgarh	27
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3
8	Goa	2
9	Gujarat	33
10	Haryana	22
11	Himachal Pradesh	12
12	Jammu and Kashmir	20
13	Jharkhand	24
14	Karnataka	30
15	Kerala	14
16	Ladakh	2
17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	51
19	Maharashtra	34
20	Manipur	16
21	Meghalaya	11
22	Mizoram	8
23	Nagaland	11
24	Odisha	30
25	Puducherry	4
26	Punjab	22
27	Rajasthan	33
28	Sikkim	4
29	Tamil Nadu	32
30	Telangana	30
31	Tripura	8
32	Uttar Pradesh	75
33	Uttarakhand	13
34	West Bengal	22
	Total	700

Source: CSC e-Governance Service India Limited