

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DIGITAL INDIA

475. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a). whether the Government is implementing Digital India Programme to digitize various sectors;
- (b). if so, the current status of Digital India Programme, the target fixed/achieved under the same so far;
- (c). whether the Government has identified new sectors for which urgent digital initiative is required and whether the Digital India Programme has been introduced by the Government at the district level;
- (d). if so, the details thereof and the new initiatives undertaken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e). the steps taken by the Government to bridge digital divide in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(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 economy. Digital India is an umbrella programme that covers multiple projects of various Central Ministries/Departments & States/UTs. Each project has its own budgetary requirement and accordingly project-plan has been charted out by the implementing Ministry/departments. The present status of some of the key initiatives undertaken under Digital India programme is as follows:

- **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). 3,10,097 Kms optical fiber has been laid connecting 1,23,489 Gram Panchayats. 1,16,876 Gram Panchayats are ready for service.
- **Aadhaar:** Aadhaar provides 12 digit biometric and demographic based identity that is unique, lifelong, online and authenticable. Further to give statutory backing to Aadhaar 'The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016' was notified on 26th March 2016. Over 123+ crore residents have been enrolled.

- **Common Services Centre (CSC):** The Common Services Centres, which are kiosks for delivery of G2C Services, are being opened at each of 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats(GP). So far, 3.05 Lakh Common Services Centre are functional and are providing eServices; Out of this, 2.13 lakh are at GP level. Along with other services, CSCs are providing services related to Banking and Finance to rural citizens. Over 300 digital services are being offered by these CSCs.
- **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. To fast track the adoption of cloud computing MeitY, Government of India has empaneled cloud service offerings of the 13 Cloud Service Providers under different deployment models viz. Public Cloud, Virtual Private Cloud and Government Community Cloud.
- **Digital locker:** Digital Locker provides an ecosystem with collection of repositories and gateways for issuers to upload the documents in the digital repositories. 2.36 crore documents have been uploaded by 1.91 crore registered user of DigiLocker. 112 Issuers and 35 Requestor organizations have been on-boarded
- **Open Govt. Data Platform:** Open Government Data (OGD) Platform is a platform for supporting Open Data initiative of Government of India. It intends to increase transparency in the functioning of Government and also open avenues for many more innovative usages of Government Data to give different perspective. Currently, 260,470 resources under 4,476 catalogs published by 144 Ministries/Departments (84 Central and 60 States/UTs Departments).
- **eTaal:** eTaal is a web portal for dissemination of e-Transactions statistics of National and State level e-Governance Projects including Mission Mode Projects. It receives transaction statistics from web based applications periodically on near real time basis. More than 3813 crore transactions have been recorded for 3653 services since January 2018.
- **Direct Benefit Transfers(DBT):** 437 schemes of 55 Ministries/ Departments are there on DBT platform. An amount of more than Rs. 6.06 Lakh Crore has been transferred through DBT and the Ministries/Departments have reported savings of Rs 1,09,983 crore in last three years due to implementation of schemes in DBT mode.
- **Government e-Market Place (GeM):** To facilitate on line procurement of Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organizations / PSUs, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has been implemented. GeM will enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. Presently, GeM is being used by various Departments/Ministries of Central Govt and States/UTs. 1,89,453 Sellers and Services providers are registered on the portal. Also others Services are registered namely Transport, Scanning/Digitization, IT Manpower, FMS etc. There are 749,570 Products and 4,164+ Services are available on the portal.
- **e-District Mission Mode Project (MMP)** has been implemented at district and sub-district levels of all States/UTs, benefitting all citizens by delivering various e-Services such as Certificates (Birth, Caste, Death, Income and Local Resident), Pension (Old Age, Disability and Widow), Grievance Redressal, Electoral, Consumer Court, Revenue Court, Land Record and services of various departments such as Commercial Tax, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-operative, Labour, Employment Training & Skill Development etc. e-District services have been launched in 721 districts across all States / UTs.
- **Jeevan Pramaan:** Digital Life Certificate for Pensioners scheme known as Jeevan Pramaan envisages to digitize the whole process of securing the life certificate. It is a

biometric enabled digital service for pensioners. With this initiative, the pensioner is no more required to physically present himself or herself in front of disbursing agency or the certification authority. Over 2.45 crore Digital Life certificates have been processed since 2014.

- **Online Registration System(ORS)/eHospital:** Online Registration System (ORS) under eHospital includes online appointment and registration by new patients, viewing of lab reports, checking the status of blood availability and integration with payment gateway (PayGov). Till date, 21.59 lakh online appointments have been made in 194 hospitals through ORS.
 - **National Scholarship Portal:** National Scholarships Portal (NSP) has been developed as a one-stop solution to implement end-to-end disbursement of the scholarship to the beneficiaries. The process includes student registration, application, approval and disbursement. Over 1.84 crore applications have been submitted. There are 52 registered schemes from 14 Ministries/Departments.
 - **NCOG- GIS Applications:** National Centre of Geo-informatics (NCoG) project, is a GIS platform developed for sharing, collaboration, location based analytics and decision support system for Departments. So far, 85 applications across various domains are operational.
 - **Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG):** UMANG has been developed as a single mobile platform to deliver major Government services with Core Platform integrated with Aadhaar, DigiLocker, PayGov, Rapid Assessment System (RAS) etc. About 334 services from 67 departments and 17 States are already available on UMANG and the count is increasing day by day.
 - **Rapid Assessment System (RAS):** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has developed Rapid Assessment System (RAS) for continuous feedback for e-services delivered by Government of India and State Governments. This system has multiple channels for receiving feedback and is backed by analytics. These analytics will help integrated departments for continuous system improvement and better governance.
 - **MyGov:** MyGov is a first-of-its-kind citizen engagement platform for participatory governance in India. MyGov aims to facilitate a dialogue between citizens and Government, bringing citizens closer to the Government and bringing the Government closer to the citizens it serves, via this platform. Presently, over 76 lakh users are registered with MyGov, participating in various activities hosted on MyGov platform. MyGov activities are structured under 64 groups consisting of 804 tasks, 795 discussions, 262 Polls/Surveys and 184 talks.
 - **National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)/Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA):** Government of India has implemented two Schemes for digital literacy namely 'National Digital Literacy Mission' (NDLM) with a target of training 10 lakh persons and Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) with a target of 42.5 lakh persons covering one person per family. These schemes were implemented concurrently across the country and a total of 53.67 lakh candidates have been trained and certified.
 - **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan(PMGDISHA):** The Government has approved a new scheme titled "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)" in February, 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 Crore rural households (one person per household). As on 28th January, 2019, a total of 1.88 crore candidates have been trained under PMGDISHA scheme, out of which more than 1.03 crore candidates have been certified
- **IT for Jobs**

- 48,300 seats have been approved under India BPO scheme and over 45,480 seats have been allocated across 20 States and 2 UTs.
- 5000 seats have been approved for BPOs in North East and 2,185 seats have been allocated across 6 States in NER.

➤ **Electronics Manufacturing**

- 193 applications with proposed investment of approximately Rs. 41,611 crore have been approved. 19 applications with proposed investments of approximately Rs. 12,841 crore have been recommended by the Appraisal Committee for approval.
- 23 applications (20 Greenfield EMCs and 3 Common Facility Centre in Brownfield EMCs) with project worth of Rs.3898 crore including Central Grant-in-aid of Rs.1577 crore for setting up of Electronics Manufacturing Clusters(EMC) have been accorded final approval in 15 states across the country.

(c) and (d): Under Digital India programme Government has initiated various projects such as e-Hospital for health services, DigiDhan Mission for Digital Payment, SWAYAM for E-education, e-NAM- online trading platform for agricultural commodities, MyGov for collaborative governance and Digital democracy, PMGDISHA for Digital literacy, Government e-Marketplace (GeM)- to facilitate on line procurement of Goods & Services in Government and Unified Mobile App for New-age Governance (UMANG) for integrated delivery of services through Smart phone, etc covering most of the sectors including emerging sectors.

e-District Mission Mode Project (MMP), Common Services Centre (CSC), State Wide Area Network(SWAN) and BharatNet etc. have been implemented in various districts of the country.

(e): To bridge the digital divide in the country, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India has initiated schemes such as IT Mass Literacy (National Digital Literacy Mission) & Digital Saksharta Abhiyan(DISHA) and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA).
