

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 18
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.02.2022

COMMON SERVICE CENTRES

18. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

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

- (a) the details of the number of Common Service Centres (CSC) setup under Digital India Programme in the country so far;
- (b) the details of StreeSwabhiman Yojana being run by the Government through CSC;
- (c) the statewise details of total number of Sanitary Napkin micro manufacturing units setup under StreeSwabhiman Yojana in the country so far; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include other activities relating to social concerns and Women's empowerment in the above said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has implemented the network of Common Services Centres (CSC) under the Digital India Programme. The CSC scheme envisages setting up of at-least one CSC in each of 2.50 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country, for delivery of various Government-to-Citizen (G2C) and other citizen-centric e-Services to citizens. It is a self-sustainable entrepreneurship model which is run by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). As on December 2021, total 4,46,789 CSCs are functional across all states & Union Territories of the country, out of which, total 3,48,391 CSCs are functional at Gram Panchayat (GP) level. The list of number of CSCs in the country (State/UT-wise) is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(b), (c) and (d): CSC SPV under its own initiative, started "StreeSwabhiman" Project in 2017 for advancing women's health and hygiene, especially in rural areas of the country. CSC SPV, through this initiative is striving to create a skill-oriented sustainable model for providing affordable and accessible sanitary products close to the homes of adolescent girls and women. The initiative is driven by awareness and outreach by the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE) to effect behavioural change towards the issue of menstrual hygiene in the community.

Under this project, Sanitary Napkin Micro Manufacturing Units are being set up at CSCs across the country, particularly those operated by women VLEs. The sanitary napkins produced by these units not only suit the needs of low-income communities, but are also bio-degradable and thus environment friendly. Besides, these are made easily accessible to rural communities.

Under StreeSwabhiman initiative, a number of women entrepreneurs have turned out to be the symbols of empowerment for women and girls in their communities. They are not just advancing women's health and hygiene, but also providing employment opportunities for other women in their community.

A total number of 1,276 (One thousand two hundred seventy-six) Sanitary Napkin manufacturing units have been set up across the country. The State/UT-wise list of Manufacturing Unit for sanitary pad, setup under the StreeSwabhiman Project is enclosed in **Annexure II**.

No other activity relating to social concerns and women's empowerment has been identified by CSC-SPV.

Annexure-I

STATE/UT-WISE STATUS OF ROLL OUT CSCs AS ON 31 DECEMBER, 2021		
	Functional CSCs (Urban+Rural)	Functional CSCs at GP level
State/UT	31 Dec'21	31 Dec'21
Andhra Pradesh	9042	6694
Arunachal Pradesh	143	108
Assam	9384	8513
Bihar	39745	35366
Chhattisgarh	17441	13838
Goa	127	85
Gujarat	13132	9154
Haryana	18880	13263
Himachal Pradesh	4661	4097
Jharkhand	16465	13993
Karnataka	11831	7683
Kerala	5574	4338
Madhya Pradesh	36639	27269
Maharashtra	50929	38908
Manipur	913	747
Meghalaya	824	729
Mizoram	324	215
Nagaland	365	240
Odisha	15131	13181
Punjab	10884	7586
Rajasthan	20005	16139
Sikkim	76	60
Tamil Nadu	11549	7549
Telangana	6229	4271
Tripura	1432	1245
Uttar Pradesh	106578	83637
Uttarakhand	7855	5775
West Bengal	20064	17976
State Total	436222	342659
Andaman & Nicobar	55	33
Chandigarh	100	6
Dadra & NH, D&D	66	44
Delhi	3713	216
Jammu & Kashmir	6326	5230
Ladakh	75	66
Lakshadweep	14	14
Puducherry	218	123
UT Total	10567	5732
GRAND TOTAL	446789	348391

Annexure-II

The State/UT-wise list of Manufacturing Unit for sanitary pad, setup under the StreeSwabhiman Project

S.No	State/UT	Unit Setup
1	Andhra Pradesh	38
2	Assam	22
3	Bihar	118
4	Chhattisgarh	74
5	Daman And Diu	1
6	Delhi	10
7	Goa	1
8	Gujarat	50
9	Haryana	12
10	Himachal Pradesh	12
11	Jammu & Kashmir	5
12	Jharkhand	51
13	Karnataka	18
14	Kerala	33
15	Madhya Pradesh	57
16	Maharashtra	72
17	Manipur	1
18	Meghalaya	15
19	Mizoram	1
20	Nagaland	13
21	Odisha	281
22	Punjab	35
23	Rajasthan	103
24	Sikkim	1
25	Tamil Nadu	6
26	Telangana	27

27	Tripura	3
28	Uttar Pradesh	124
29	Uttarakhand	24
30	West Bengal	68
	Total	1276
