

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4616
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.03.2023

DIGITAL INFRA STORY

4616. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government agrees with the view that it would be appropriate for the country not to position the digital public infra story as something that can counter the Big Tech model of the West;
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to deepen India's digital public infrastructure; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) represent a paradigm shift from a siloed, context-specific approach towards a modular and interoperable architecture with a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society approach. Such an approach provides equal opportunity to all the stakeholders including start-ups and entrepreneurs who build innovative solutions on top of platforms. Thus, DPI approach provides fair competition and avoids monopoly. Examples of DPIs in India include AADHAAR, DigiLocker, UPI (Unified Payment Interface), CoWin, DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) etc.

(c): Does not arise.
