GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED OUESTION NO. 1597

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 28.07.2017

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CMs PANEL ON DIGITAL PAYMENTS

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

- (a) whether the CMs Panel on Digital Payments has submitted its report to the Government, if so the details thereof;
- (b) whether the CMs Panel has recommended for continuation of service tax exemptions beyond 31st March 2017 to make digital currency comparable with the physical currency; and
- (c) whether incentives to smart phone users and subsidies for such phones were proposed in the report and if so, the response of the Government thereto, the details there of?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

- (a): The Committee of Chief Ministers on Digital Payments submitted the Interim Report on 24th January 2017.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): The Committee recommended that a subsidy of Rs 1,000 to be provided for smart phones for non-income tax assesses and small merchants. No decision has been taken by Government in this regard.
