

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2508**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 16.03.2018

**LICENCE TO CSCs FOR FUNCTIONING AS PAYMENT GATEWAYS**

**2508                      SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:**

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

- (a) whether the Common Service Centres (CSCs) have been allotted license for functioning as payment gateways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of CSCs opened in villages and rural districts alongwith the number of employment opportunities created so far; and
- (d) the details of achievement of CSC in creating a cashless society?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)

(a) and (b): No, Sir. CSC has not been allotted licence to work as payment gateways.

(c): Till February, 2018, there are 1,83,184 Common Services Centres (CSCs) functioning at Gram Panchayat (GP) level across the country.

One CSC on an average provides employment to 3 - 4 persons.

(d): The Government of India launched the Digital Finance Inclusion, Awareness & Access (DFIAA) Project under Digital India programme in November, 2016 to March, 2017. CSC Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC-SPV) has implemented this project through CSC- Digital Seva Kendras and registered more than 205 lakh Citizens and enabled around 26 lakh merchants during the period November, 2016 to March, 2017.

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