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IT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COVID VACCINE NETWORK

1496. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary steps have been taken by the Government to strengthen IT infrastructure for Covid vaccine network;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government plans to promote the country as the development hub of various apps; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat in terms of app development eco system?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has constituted an Empowered Group to guide the implementation of the COWIN platform.

Aarogya Setu team is building integration with COWIN platform. DigiLocker has enabled integration of COWIN certification module. Outbound dialling and RAS (Rapid Assessment System) platforms have also been integrated to get feedback from the vaccination beneficiaries.

The COWN IT infrastructure has been augmented to cater to the expected number of users on the platform during the citizen registration as well as other systematic software changes carried out to handle the massive vaccination drive.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. The Government of India plans to promote India as the development hub of various apps. Towards this objective, an "App Innovation Challenge" was conducted in 2020 wherein 6,940 entries were received in 9 categories. A jury comprising of eminent leaders from Industry, Academia and Government awarded 24 Apps. Additionally, 20 other Apps were selected as part of the potentially promising category.

During RAISE 2020 -Global Summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), an AI Startup Challenge was organized in which 21 Startups that have built apps and other innovations in the field of AI were rewarded.

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