GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2629**
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.03.2017


**ICEGOV2017 CONFERENCE**

**2629 . SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:**

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

(a) how many countries participated in the ICEGOV2017 Conference organised by the Government in the country;
(b) whether this was part of the Digital India initiative being carried out by Government; and
(c) if so, the details of the outcome of the conference with resolution, if any, passed in the event?

**ANSWER**

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

(a):  Citizens from more than 50 countries participated in ICEGOV 2017 Conference.

(b) and (c):  No, Madam. ICEGOV is a series of International Conferences on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance taking place annually around the world. The series focuses on the use of technology to transform the working of government and its relationships with citizens, businesses and other non-state actors. The tenth edition was organized in India under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, in view of the strong resonance between the objectives of the ICEGOV series and Digital India programme of Government of India.

There was a good response to the call for papers: 560 papers were received which is more than  3 times the earlier record of ICEGOV Conference. These papers were written by authors from over 40 different nationalities. Based on multiple reviews by an international team, 71 papers across 12 different tracks (themes), and 40 posters were selected for presentation at the conference. Additionally, apart from the opening and the closing sessions, the 3-day conference covered 6 keynotes by renowned academicians/ practitioners and 4 plenary sessions. There was a doctoral colloquium on Day-4 for PhD students.

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