GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2746

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.08.2021

DIGITAL VILLAGES / PANCHAYATS

2746. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

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

(a) whether the villages/panchayats in the country are proposed to be made digital;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the number of villages/panchayats targeted to be covered by the Government under the said scheme; and
(d) the details of the villages/panchayats that have already been made digital so far under the scheme, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated the Digital Village Project as a pilot project. A total of 700 digital villages (One Gram Panchayat/village from each district of each State/ UT) are being covered under the pilot. The project was initiated on 31st October 2018 for a duration of 3 years.

The Government is planning to expand through effective utilization of the BharatNet enabled connectivity for transitioning 1 lakh more villages into digital villages. This is envisaged to be achieved by leveraging the grassroot agencies to facilitate efficient delivery of and easy access to services to citizens within their villages.

In addition to the 700 villages that are being funded by MeitY for implementation, 4279 villages are being made digital by CSC e-Governance Service India Limited (CSC-SPV) under its own initiative through funds sourced from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The details of the villages/panchayats that have already been covered under the Digital Village implementation so far State/UT-wise is enclosed at Annexure.

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Number of villages that are being funded by MeitY for Digital Village implementation – 700.

State/UT wise detail of villages covered Digital Village implementation

Sr. No	State/UT	No. of Digital Village (MeitY)
1	Andaman Nicobar	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21
4	Assam	33
5	Bihar	38
6	Chhattisgarh	27
7	Dadar Nagar Haveli	1
8	Daman & Diu	2
9	Delhi	-
10	Goa	2
11	Gujarat	33
12	Haryana	22
13	Himachal Pradesh	12
14	Jammu & Kashmir	22
15	Jharkhand	24
16	Karnataka	30
17	Kerala	14
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	51
20	Maharashtra	34
21	Manipur	16
22	Meghalaya	11

23	Mizoram	8
24	Nagaland	11
25	Odisha	30
26	Puducherry	4
27	Punjab	22
28	Rajasthan	33
29	Sikkim	4
30	Tamil Nadu	32
31	Telangana	30
32	Tripura	8
33	Uttar Pradesh	75
34	Uttarakhand	13
35	West Bengal	22
	Grand Total	**700**

Number of villages that are being funded by CSC e-Governance Service India Limited (funds sourced from CSR) and implemented by its own - 4279.

State/UT wise detail of villages covered by CSC e-Governance Service India Limited through CSR Fund support

Sr. No	State/UT	No. of Digital Village (CSR)
1	Andaman Nicobar	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	44
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4	Assam	73
5	Bihar	206
6	Chhattisgarh	537
7	Dadar Nagar Haveli	-
8	Daman & Diu	-
9	Delhi	1
10	Goa	-

11	Gujarat	156
12	Haryana	193
13	Himachal Pradesh	8
14	Jammu & Kashmir	5
15	Jharkhand	821
16	Karnataka	19
17	Kerala	1
18	Lakshadweep	-
19	Madhya Pradesh	307
20	Maharashtra	261
21	Manipur	1
22	Meghalaya	45
23	Mizoram	1
24	Nagaland	1
25	Odisha	186
26	Puducherry	
27	Punjab	80
28	Rajasthan	503
29	Sikkim	1
30	Tamil Nadu	46
31	Telangana	17
32	Tripura	16
33	Uttar Pradesh	542
34	Uttarakhand	161
35	West Bengal	46
	Grand Total	**4279**

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