

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DIGITAL PLAN FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES

686. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a). whether Government has worked out a comprehensive digital plan for North Eastern States;
- (b). if so, the details thereof; and
- (c). the extent to which the technology would transform the lives of the people of North Eastern States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India has formulated 'Digital North East Vision 2022' to consolidate and bolster a wide spectrum of Digital India initiatives and adapt them to the varied requirements of the North Eastern Region (NER). The Vision Document focuses on the accelerated implementation of initiatives undertaken by the Government under the Digital India Programme in the NER through optimum utilisation of information and communication technologies in a manner customised to best meet the requirements in the individual States and the region as a whole. The vision for Digital North East sets the base to design specific implementation plans for each initiative and to provide a road map to transform and empower the lives of the common people in the North Eastern Region.

(c): The Digital India programme in NER is continuously adding and underscoring hitherto unimaginable empowerment and value in the lives of common people, in unheard of ways. Game-changing digital initiatives such as Aadhaar, UMANG, DigiLocker, Common Services Centers(CSCs), e-Hospital, National Scholarship Portal, Digital Payment, Government e-Marketplace, e-National Agricultural Mandi(e-NAM) and over 4000 e-enabled services available through web and mobile. These services offer a compelling blend of convenience, efficiency, affordability and transparency to the citizens. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) is also leveraging the immense potential of new technologies such as cloud, mobiles, social media, data analytics and geographic information systems.
