

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. * 206

ANSWERED ON TUESDAY THE 8th AUGUST, 2023/ SRAVANA 17, 1945 (SAKA)

DIGITAL CREDIT PLATFORM

***206: SHRI BRIJLAL:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government/RBI is developing any digital credit platform/ digital tech platform to provide hassle-free loans to farmers, dairy entrepreneurs, MSMEs, and small entrepreneurs at the earliest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which this digital platform would function; and
- (c) the States in which the Government proposes to use this digital platform initially?

ANSWER
FINANCE MINISTER
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *206 FOR 8th AUGUST 2023 ON “DIGITAL CREDIT PLATFORM” TABLED BY SHRI BRIJLAL, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(a) to (c): Initiatives have been taken to develop digital credit platforms/ digital tech platforms to facilitate hassle free loans to citizens. “Jan Samarth” Portal was launched to provide a common platform for availing loans under some credit-linked Government schemes. The salient features of the “Jan Samarth” Portal are as under:

- i. It connects various stakeholders like beneficiaries, financial institutions, Central/ State Government agencies, and Nodal Agencies on a common platform.
- ii. Applicants can presently access 12 credit-linked Government Schemes catering to youth, students, entrepreneurs, and farmers viz. Education Loans, Agriculture Loans, Business Activity Loans, and Livelihood Loans.

A digital tech platform with the objective to leverage digitalization in the country and enabling frictionless credit to all segments is planned by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The platform would enable the delivery of frictionless credit by facilitating a seamless flow of required digital information to lenders. It will bring efficiency to the lending process in terms of reduction of costs, improving Turn Around Time, greater scalability, and expanding the reach of financial services. It will have an open architecture, open Application Programming Interface (APIs), and standards, to which all financial sector players could connect seamlessly. In the pilot phase, RBI plans to focus on products such as Kisan Credit Card, Dairy Loans, MSME Loans, Personal Loans, and Home Loans. Based on the learning, scope, and coverage would be expanded to include more products and lenders.

RBI and Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) have commenced pilots in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, UP and Maharashtra for fully digitalized Kisan Credit Card loan. Pilots on fully digital dairy loan based on milk pouring data has commenced in Gujarat.
