

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1044**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

**ACTUAL SIZE OF INDIA'S DIGITAL ECONOMY**

**1044. SHRI JAGGESH :**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has been digitalizing at a rapid pace driven by a combination of factors like low costs of data and Government's thrust on building digital infrastructure;
- (b) whether it is a fact the Government is planning to hire an agency to measure the actual size of digital economy;
- (c) whether Government proposes to measure the actual size of the digital economy in the country;
- (d) whether the proposal also includes formulation of measurement framework, capturing data and identifying digital interventions; and
- (e) if so; the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Government of India launched the Digital India programme with the vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge-based economy, by ensuring digital access, digital inclusion, digital empowerment and bridging the digital divide. The programme is centred on three key vision areas, namely, digital infrastructure as a core utility to every citizen; governance and services on demand; and digital empowerment of citizens. The overall goal is to ensure that digital technologies improve the life of every citizen, expand India's digital economy, and create investment and employment opportunities and digital technological capabilities in India. The rapid digitalisation and technology enabled transformative initiatives such as DigiLocker, Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG), Common Service Centres, MyGov, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) scheme, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) App etc. Has considerably bridged the distance between Government and citizens and enhanced trust on government and governance. It has also helped in the delivery of services directly to beneficiaries in a transparent manner. In the process, India has emerged as one of the pre-eminent nations of the world to use digital technology to transform the lives of its citizens.

(b) to (e): The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is the nodal Ministry that estimates Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country and also estimates industry-wise contribution of Gross Value Addition (GVA). Currently, disaggregated data in terms of digital and non-digital economy is not available with MoSPI. Accordingly, MeitY has floated a Request for Proposal (RFP) to estimate and measure India's Digital Economy including suggesting a measurement framework.

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