DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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

(a)   the details of progress towards developing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in the country;
(b)   the contribution of this infrastructure to the country's development and financial inclusion;
(c)   the initiatives of Government to enhance the reach of this infrastructure at the national and   international levels; and
(d)   the steps taken by Government to improve the privacy, inclusivity, and security aspects of this infrastructure?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d):Digital Public Infrastructures (DPI) has been developed across various domains, aimed at enhancing accessibility, efficiency, and inclusivity. The progress made in few of such DPIs is as follows:

- **Aadhaar:**Aadhaar is the world's largest digital identity programme that provides biometric and demographic-based unique digital identity; which can be authenticated anytime, from anywhere and also eliminates duplicate and fake identities. As on date, 138.04 Crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated.

- **Unified Payment Interface (UPI):** It is India's leading digital payment platform. In the month of June, 2024 alone more than 1,388 Crore financial transactions were done through UPI. By making digital payment platform technology and device agnostic, UPI has contributed to financial inclusion up to the grass root level.

- **DigiLocker**: It is a platform for issuance and verification of documents & certificates digitally. It has facilitated more than 30 crore users and made available 675 crore issued documents. Several fintech companies, working on banking and financial sector, are using DigiLocker for easy on boarding of users.

The Government of India has taken several measures to enhance the reach of Indian Digital Public Infrastructure at the national and international levels. Some of the key initiatives are as follows:

- **India Stack Global** (https://www.indiastack.global/) has been developed and rolled out with the aim to share the success of Indian DPIs with the global community and to facilitate replication in friendly countries.

- **Global DPI Repository** – Under Indian Presidency of G20 in 2023, Global DPI Repository (GDPIR) portal (https://www.dpi.global/) was designed, developed and rolled out by India.

- India has signed MoUs on cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale with 10 countries namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Antigua and Barbuda, Papua New Guinea, Trinidad and Tobago, Tanzania, Kenya, Cuba and Colombia.

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