

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SANCHAR MITRA SCHEME

1290 SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched a new scheme called 'Sanchar Mitra';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said scheme;
- (c) the aims and objectives of the said scheme;
- (d) whether Government proposes to extent/scale up this scheme for nationwide implementation considering the enthusiastic response at its pilot phase;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (f) the manner in which this scheme will help in achieving the India's vision of becoming telecom research development and manufacturing hub?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) & (c) The Sanchar Mitra Scheme envisions to engage the Yuva Shakti- India's youth, as catalysts for digital empowerment and societal outreach. The students nominated as Sanchar Mitra are expected to actively conduct awareness drives in communities, educational institutions, public spaces, etc., focusing on key telecom-related issues, like citizen-centric telecom services, prevention of telecom frauds and mobile security - promoting digital safety, and foster responsible telecom usage.

This scheme is open to students from those technical institutes that have active telecom, electronics, computers, cybersecurity or similar programs and have agreed to participate in the scheme.

(d) & (e) Yes, the scheme has been launched for nationwide implementation. The LSAs - field offices of DoT, have started reaching out to the institutes for their participation in the Scheme.

(f) The Sanchar Mitras will receive various trainings on subjects like, cybersecurity, emerging technologies in the telecom sector, telecom policies and regulations, etc. The selected Sanchar Mitras will also have opportunity to experience R&D & innovation projects, ITU standards & policy work, technical conferences, industry engagement, etc. The scheme also contributes towards India's vision of becoming a telecom research, development, and manufacturing hub by nurturing a skilled and motivated work force.
