

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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PROMOTION OF ELECTRONIC AND IT SECTOR

19. SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any action to develop and improve of Electronic and Information Technology sector at par with advanced nations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the results achieved as a result thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Government of India is implementing the Digital India programme to develop and improve Electronic and Information Technology sector at par with advanced nations. The vision of Digital India programme is centered on three key areas, namely Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen, Governance and Services on demand and Digital Empowerment of Citizens. Several projects/schemes are being implemented under nine pillars of Digital India programme, namely Broadband Highways, Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity, Public Internet Access Programme, e-Governance- Reforming government through Technology, eKranti- Electronic delivery of services, Information for All, Electronics Manufacturing - Target NET ZERO Imports, IT for Jobs and Early Harvest Programme.

(c): Under Digital India programme, tremendous results have been recorded in Electronic and Information Technology sector. The digital footprint has gone up through Aadhaar seeding and DBT. Aadhaar enrolment has increased to 107 crores in Oct 2016 as against 73 crores in Dec 2014. The Government is keenly pursuing JAM (Jandhan – Aadhaar – Mobile) for financial inclusion. Under National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN)/BharatNet project, 1.43 lakh kms of optical fibre cable has been laid connecting 62,463 Gram Panchayats. The broadband subscribers have increased to 16.7 crore in July 2016 from 8.57 crore in Dec 2014. In the field of Electronics Manufacturing, investment proposals of ₹ 1.25 lakh crores involving 226 units in August 2016 as against ₹ 17390 crores involving 53 units in Dec 2014.

The e-Governance service transactions have increased to more than 64 crore per month in 2016 as against 29.4 crores per month in 2014. Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) was launched in August 2014, in which 82.74 lakh persons trained and 48.83 lakh persons have been certified. Significant increase in interest in start ups in cutting edge areas of IT and Electronics including IoT, Data analytics, telemedicine e-education etc. has been observed. Nearly 1000 start ups have been established in last year. e-Visa has been implemented resulting in significant growth in tourist inflow. The citizen participation has increased multiple times through citizen engagement programs like MyGov. The governments services are being delivered at the doorstep of citizens through 2.53 lakh Digital Seva Kendras (Common Services Centres – CSC) while increasing transparency, efficiency and reliability. 37.48 lakh documents have been uploaded by 39.28 lakh registered users of DigiLocker. National Scholarship Portal (NSP) is supporting and providing services of 23 schemes by 16 Departments/Ministries.

Besides above, significant results have been recorded in several projects/schemes being implemented in various domains such as health, education, employment, trade, finances, law and order etc.
