GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1014

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DIGITISATION WORK AT DISTRICT LEVEL

1014. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

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

- (a) the details of the works undertaken through Digital India at district level;
- (b) the number of people benefited through Digital India in Jharkhand;
- (c) whether the digitization works are being delayed in various districts including Singhbhum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): "Digital India" is an umbrella programme to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The schemes/projects under Digital India are being implemented in the entire country including all districts of Jharkhand.

Under Digital India programme, **e-District Mission Mode Project (MMP)** has been implemented at district and sub-district levels of Jharkhand, benefitting all citizens by delivering various e-Services such as Certificates (Birth, Caste, Death, Income and Local Resident), Pension (Old Age, Disability and Widow), Grievance Redressal, Electoral, Consumer Court, Revenue Court, Land Record and services of various departments such as Commercial Tax, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-operative, Labour, Employment Training & Skill Development etc.

As on 31.12.2016, 6,663 **Common Services Centres** (**CSCs**) have been made operational in Jharkhand, out of which 4,304 CSCs are at Gram Panchayat level. These centres are Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled kiosks, run by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), to provide various G2C, B2C and G2B services to all rural citizens of Jharkhand such as Aadhaar services, Pan Card, Passport, Electricity Bill payment, IRCTC services, services related to Education, Employment and Banking etc.

Also, the Government of India has initiated **BharatNet**, which aims to connect all the 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats in the country including Gram Panchayats of all districts of Jharkhand for providing broadband connectivity. Non-discriminatory access to the network is available to all the telecom service providers. These access providers like mobile operators, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Cable TV operators, content providers can launch various services in rural areas. Various applications for e-health, e-education, e-governance etc. are provided. In Jharkhand, 3131 kms of cable has been laid connecting 1263 Gram Panchayats.

Besides above, citizens of all districts of Jharkhand can avail services being provided by various schemes/projects implemented under Digital India programme at pan India level. e-Hospital - Online Registration System (ORS) can be utilized for online appointment and registration by new patients, viewing of lab reports, checking the status of blood availability. The pensioners can use Jeevan Pramaan, an Aadhaar enabled Digital Life Certificate scheme, which aims at digitizing the whole process of securing the life certificate. MyGov has created a two way communication link between Government and Citizens towards meeting the goal of good governance. The citizens can securely store and share their documents with service providers who can directly access them electronically using Digital Locker System. An Aadhaar holder can sign electronic documents in easy, efficient and secure manner using eSign. The students can avail scholarships through National Scholarships Portal (NSP), which is an end-to-end disbursement system for scholarships. e-Tourist Visa (eTV) has been introduced to enhance the experience of in-bound travellers to India and outbound travellers from India. The citizen can avail training courses

under **Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA)** and get certified. The citizens can also avail benefits under various schemes through **Direct Benefit transfer (DBT)**.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.
