Cyber Gram Project

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 Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched minority cyber gram project aimed at training the villagers to become Internet Savvy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the project has been shelved by the Government and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government will take necessary steps to revive the minority cyber gram project and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to establish more such minority cyber gram projects in other parts of the country?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
MINORITY AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d): A pilot project for `Minority Cyber Gram`` was launched in February, 2014 for digital literacy in a minority dominated village Chandauli, District Alwar, Rajasthan. The Ministry has mainstreamed the Cyber Gram project with the Multi-sectoral Development Programme as a special initiative. Under this initiative students of minority communities are provided hands on training in computers to enable them to acquire basic Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills; become digitally literate; actively participate in knowledge based activities; access financial, social and government services and use internet for communications. The initiative covers students of Class VI to Class X belonging to notified minority communities(Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains)residing in minority concentration areas indentified under Multi-sectoral Development Programme.(MsDP). MsDP being a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the projects are approved on the basis of requirement and proposal received from State/UTs.

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