

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*207
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 01.08.2018

DIGI GAON

***207. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:**

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

- (a) whether CSC SPV, a Special Purpose Vehicle under his Ministry has entered into an agreement with HDFC bank to enable its 3 lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) managing the Common Service Centres (CSCs) to operate as banking correspondents of HDFC bank;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to the public therefrom;
- (c) whether HDFC will support CSC SPV in converting 1,000 identified villages into Digital Villages (Digi Gaon) during this financial year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED
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(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. HDFC Bank has signed an Agreement to enable Common Services Centres (CSCs) to become Banking Correspondents. As per the Agreement, Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) of CSC will work as Banking Correspondent of HDFC Bank and support the Government initiative to promote financial inclusion and make banking services more accessible in rural areas. Women, senior citizens and persons with disability will especially get benefitted through this initiative as it would enable financial transactions without the need for visiting bank branch.

(c) and (d): There is no proposal with MeitY to this effect, however, HDFC Bank has offered to support the conversion of 1000 villages into digital villages.
