

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1197
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018
Minority Cyber-Gram

1197. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans of launching Minority Cyber-Gram all across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of Cyber-Grams that exist across the country;
- (c) the objectives and the target beneficiaries of the yojana;
- (d) the total funds allocated by the Government for this programme;
- (e) the total number of Cyber-Grams that have been opened across the country and that are functional; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the scheme and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (e): A pilot project for minority Cyber Gram was launched for digital literacy in a minority dominated village Chandauli, District Alwar, Rajasthan. The Ministry mainstreamed the Cyber Gram project with the Multi-sectoral Development Programme in the year 2014-15 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). The project is being implemented through Common Service Center (CSC) e-governance India Ltd- a company under Department of Electronics and Information Technology with support of States/UTs. The fund per candidate sanctioned under the programme is Rs.1555/- which is shared by Central Government and State. As per Cybergram Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) of CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (<http://www.cybergramyojana.in>), the present status of implementation of cybergram is as under:-

State	Approved unit (nos. of participants)	Training completed (nos. of participants)
Uttar Pradesh	173143	107050
West Bengal	170005	213085
Tripura	18109	18630
Maharashtra	28000	19998
Rajasthan	10400	9194

(f) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, the restructured version of Multi-sectoral Development Programme has given thrust on creating institutional infrastructure and has no provision for individual oriented schemes.
