

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*135
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 19.12.2018

INITIATIVES IN GOVERNANCE

***135. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:**

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

- (a). whether the Government has introduced any pro-people IT initiatives to transform the governance system for good;
- (b). if so, the details thereof;
- (c). whether the Government has launched any platform to enable citizens to securely store and share their documents with service providers electronically after giving due permission; and
- (d). if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR 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 QUESTION NO. *135 FOR 19.12.2018
REGARDING INITIATIVES IN GOVERNANCE**

(a)and (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India is implementing the 'Digital India' programme with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Digital India is an umbrella programme that covers multiple projects of various Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs. The Digital India programme is centred on three key vision areas namely Digital Infrastructure as a Core Utility to Every Citizen, Governance and Services on Demand and Digital Empowerment of Citizens.

Some of the key transformational digital initiatives undertaken under Digital India programme are follows:

- **BharatNet:** BharatNet aims to connect all the 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats in the country and provide 100 Mbps connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs). 3,01,154 Kms of optical fiber has been laid connecting 1,21,652 Gram Panchayats and 1,16,411 Gram Panchayats are service ready.
- **Aadhaar:** Aadhaar provides 12 digit biometric and demographic based identity that is unique, lifelong and authenticable and 122.91 crore residents have been enrolled.
- **Common Services Centre (CSC):** The Common Services Centres, which are kiosks for delivery of G2C Services, are being setup at each of 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats(GP). So far, 3.05 Lakh Common Services Centre are active and delivering eServices. Out of them, 2.10 lakh are at GP level. Over 300 digital services are being offered by these CSCs.
- **Digital locker:** Digital Locker provides an ecosystem with collection of repositories and gateways for issuers to upload the documents in the digital repositories. 2.23 crore documents have been uploaded by 1.68 crore registered user of DigiLocker. 107 Issuers and 31 Requestor organizations have been on-boarded.
- **MyGov:** MyGov is a first-of-its-kind citizen engagement platform for participatory governance in India. MyGov aims to facilitate a dialogue between citizens and Government, bringing citizens closer to the Government and bringing the Government closer to the citizens it serves, via this platform. Presently, over 71.66 lakh users are registered with MyGov, participating in various activities hosted on MyGov platform.
- **Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG):** UMANG has been developed as a single mobile platform to deliver major Government services with Core Platform integrated with Aadhaar, DigiLocker, PayGov, Rapid Assessment System (RAS) etc. About 325 services from 59 departments and 17 States are already available on UMANG.
- **Jeevan Pramaan:** Digital Life Certificate for Pensioners scheme known as Jeevan Pramaan envisages to digitize the whole process of securing the life certificate. Over 2.37 crore digital life certificates have been processed since 2014.
- **GI Cloud (Meghraj):** To utilize and harness the benefits of Cloud Computing, Meghraj has been initiated. Government of India has also empanelled cloud service offerings of the 13 Cloud Service Providers under different deployment models viz. Public Cloud, Virtual Private Cloud and Government Community Cloud.
- **Direct Benefit Transfers(DBT):** 433 schemes of 56 Ministries/ Departments are available on DBT platform. An amount of more than Rs. 5.39 Lakh Crore has been transferred through DBT and the Ministries/Departments have reported savings of Rs 90,000 crore in last three years.
- **Open Govt. Data Platform:** Open Government Data (OGD) Platform aims to increase transparency in the functioning of Government and also open avenues for many more innovative usages of Government Data to give different perspective. Currently, 247,128 resources under 4,441 catalogs published by 143 Ministries/Departments (85 Central and 58 States/UTs Departments) are available on this platform.
- **eSign framework - Online Electronic Signature Service:** eSign is an initiative for easy, efficient, and secure signing of electronic documents by an Aadhaar holder without having a hardware cryptographic device. 6.36 crore eSign have been issued so far.
- **Online Registration System(ORS)/eHospital:** Online Registration System (ORS) under eHospital includes online appointment and registration by new patients, viewing of lab reports, checking the status of blood availability and integration with payment gateway (PayGov). So far, 20.47 lakh online appointments have been made in 190 hospitals through ORS.
- **National Scholarship Portal:** National Scholarships Portal (NSP) has been developed as a one-stop solution to implement end-to-end disbursement of the scholarship to the beneficiaries. Under 52 registered schemes from 14 Ministries/Departments, 1.26 crore applications have been submitted on NSP.
- **NCOG- GIS Applications:** National Centre of Geo-informatics (NCoG) project, is a GIS platform developed for sharing, collaboration, location based analytics and decision support system for Departments. So far, 227 applications across various domains are operational.
- **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan(PMGDISHA):** The Government has launched a new scheme titled "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)" in 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 Crore rural households (one person per household). So far, more than 1.70 crore candidates have been enrolled, out of which training has been imparted to more than 1.64 crore candidates and 88.34 lakh candidates have been certified.
- **Digital Payments:** The growth of digital payments ecosystem is set to transform the economy. Over the past four years digital payment transactions have grown multifold from 335 crore transactions in 2014-15 to 1,836 crore transactions in the year 2017-2018 (till 16th December, 2018). Today, BHIM app has become one of the main digital payment instruments for sending, collecting the money and to pay for various utility bills. In June, 2018, more than 44.82 crore transactions were made using BHIM app.

- **IT for Jobs:** 48,300 seats have been approved under India BPO scheme and over 38,855 seats have been allocated across 20 States and 2 UTs. 5000 seats have been approved for BPOs in North East and 2,185 seats have been allocated across 6 States in NER.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. DigiLocker system is a flagship initiative of Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) under Digital India programme. Targeted at the idea of paperless governance, DigiLocker aims to provide a secure digital wallet to every resident of India so that all documents/certificates can be held electronically for lifelong. It has benefits of anytime, anywhere and convenient access to all important documents of Indian residents free of cost.

DigiLocker is providing access to around 30 crore educational documents from different State Education Boards and 347 crore overall documents issued by various government agencies including Aadhaar, PAN, Driving License, Vehicle RC, Land Records, Ration Card, Income certificate, Caste Certificate, Birth certificate, Marriage certificate, etc.
