

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 249**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.12.2018

**DIGITAL VILLAGE**

**249    SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY;**  
**SHRI VIJAY KUAMR HANSDAK:**

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a)    the number and details of villages in Jharkhand made digital at present, district-wise;
- (b)    the funds allocated for Jharkhand so far to digitise the said villages along with year-wise details in this regard for the last three years;
- (c)    the details of various facilities being provided in the said digital villages presently; and
- (d)    the reaction of the Government to the impact on the development of villages as a result of the facilities provided?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 has launched the 'Digital Village Pilot Project' under which 700 Gram Panchayats (GPs) with atleast 1 Gram Panchayat per District per State/UT including 24 Gram Panchayats one each from each of the 24 districts in Jharkhand are being covered.

(b): Rs. 20 Crores has been released to the implementing agency during the year towards implementation of the project out of a budget allocation of Rs. 69.965 Cr from Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology with a total project outlay Rs. 98.324 Crores over duration of 3 years for implementation.

(c) and (d): The project covers the following services - Digital Health Services (Tele-Health & Tele-Veterinary consultation), Education Service, Financial Services, Skill Development, Solar panel powered street lights including Government to Citizens Services (G2C), Business to Citizen (B2C) Services. The implementation of the pilot project is being closely monitored for impacting the development of villages.

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