

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1988
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.07.2019

DIGITAL VILLAGES

1988 SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is preparing any action plan to make the villages in the country digital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of villages targeted to be covered under the said action plan; and
- (d) the details of the benefits likely to be availed by the people of rural areas there under?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has rolled out the Digital Village project on 31st October 2018 with a total project outlay of Rs. 98.324 Cr. for implementation in duration of 3 years. CSC E-Governance Service India Limited is implementing this central sector scheme under the Digital India Programme.

(c): The project is aimed to cover 700 Gram Panchayats/Villages with atleast one Gram Panchayat/Village from each district of each of the States/UT across the country.

(d): The project envisages to demonstrate use of technology to deliver services pertaining to Health Services – Tele-Health & Tele-Veterinary consultation, Education Services, Financial Services, Skill Development and Solar panel powered street lights and various Government to Citizens Services (G2C) and other citizen Services. Details are attached at Annexure.

Annexure

1. The key sub components envisaged under Digital Village pilot Project are:
 - (i) **Government to Citizens Services (G2C):**Such as e-District Services, SSDG (State Service Delivery Gateway) Services, Online registration for service selection board, Online registration for public service commission, online registration for Board of professional entrance examination, Pan Card Services, New Aadhaar enrolment, Updation and modification, etc,
 - (ii) **Business-to-Citizen Services(B2C):** such as Mobile Recharge: Prepaid mobile recharge and Post-paid bill payment, DTH Recharge: DTH recharge, E Commerce: provide online market place to promote rural market products in India, Air Ticketing: Booking of flight ticket, Railway Ticketing: Booking of Railway ticket, e-Learning etc,
 - (iii) **Education Service:** Courses offered under this project are as (i) Basic Computer Course (BCC), (ii) Tally – KaushalPramanPatra (iii) Course on Computer Concept (CCC),
 - (iv) **Digital Health Services:** such as Tele Consultation, Veterinary Tele consultation.
 - (v) **Financial Inclusion:** Awareness campaign for access to useful and affordable financial product and services to each individual of village such as access to Bank account, Transactions, Insurance (Crop, Health, Life, vehicle, Cattle) pension scheme, banking KIOSK and special drive like cashless payment.
 - (vi) **LED Lighting:** To install solar panel powered street light in the villages. Solar panels with battery backup for ensuring always-on, low-powered base-stations.
 - (vii) **Skill Development services:**Focused skill development in mobile repairing, motor vehicle repairing- mechanic, equipment repairing- electrician, Technician, Handset Repair Engineer, Field Technician – Home Appliances
2. **Project Implementation Monitoring:** a website for the overall monitoring of the village where all the information of village with daily progress has been made available. A Dashboard has been created at <http://digital-village.in/> and access given to stakeholders for tracking and monitoring.
