

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5517
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 5.4.2023

DIGITAL VILLAGE PROGRAMME

5517. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Digital Village programme started by the Government is for creating a one stop service solution for the village area citizens, providing them with quality services like telemedicine, Financial Services, Internet Connectivity and other G2C/B2C services at an affordable price round the year;
- (b) whether only eight hundred such digital villages could have been set up in the country till now and just fifty seven in the Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is taking any measures to set up more digital villages to expand the coverage to at least one Digital Village in each block of the country, especially in the districts of Katni, Chhatarpur and Panna of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched the Digital Village Pilot Project on 31.10.2018 to provide government-to-citizen, business-to-citizen, education, health, skill development and financial inclusion services in 700 villages {one Gram Panchayat or village from each district of all States and Union territories (UTs)} across the country, on a pilot basis, including 51 villages in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Internet connectivity in the villages does not form part of the project. State/UT-wise number of villages is at Annex.

The facilities being provided in the said villages under the said project are as under:

- (i) *Education service:* Courses offered under this are Basic Computer Course, Course on Computer Concept, Basic Course in Information Technology, and Tally — Kaushal Praman Patra.
- (ii) *Health services:* This covers tele-health and tele-veterinary consultations.
- (iii) *Financial inclusion:* This covers an awareness programme for financial inclusion.
- (iv) *Solar-panel-powered streetlights:* This covers eight solar lights per village.
- (v) *Skill development:* This covers skilling for automotive technician, handset repairing, field technician — home appliances, and electrical technician.
- (vi) Government-to-citizen services and business-to-citizen services

Presently, there is no proposal for expansion of the project in the country.

Villages covered under the Digital Village Pilot Project

S.N.	State / Union territory	Number of villages
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21
4	Assam	33
5	Bihar	38
6	Chhattisgarh	27
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3
8	Goa	2
9	Gujarat	33
10	Haryana	22
11	Himachal Pradesh	12
12	Jammu and Kashmir	20
13	Jharkhand	24
14	Karnataka	30
15	Kerala	14
16	Ladakh	2
17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	51
19	Maharashtra	34
20	Manipur	16
21	Meghalaya	11
22	Mizoram	8
23	Nagaland	11
24	Odisha	30
25	Puducherry	4
26	Punjab	22
27	Rajasthan	33
28	Sikkim	4
29	Tamil Nadu	32
30	Telangana	30
31	Tripura	8
32	Uttar Pradesh	75
33	Uttarakhand	13
34	West Bengal	22
	Total	700

Source: CSC e-Governance Service India Limited
