

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 576**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019

**DATA GOVERNANCE CENTRE**

**576 SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a nationalised data governance centre to hold all public data and lay down guidelines for the management and sharing of data between the State and Central agencies; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): No, Sir. Government does not propose to set up a nationalised data governance centre. However, Government of India through Ministry of Science and Technology has formulated the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP), while Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) is the nodal ministry to implement the policy.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) under Ministry of Science and Technology has formulated the NDSAP policy through close collaboration with the other line Ministries and MeitY by creating “data.gov.in” through National Informatics Centre (NIC). The NDSAP had identified MeitY as the nodal Ministry for the implementation of the policy through NIC, while Department of Science and Technology continues to be the nodal department on policy matters. The policy was notified by Department of Science and Technology (Govt of India Gazette dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2012). In pursuance of the NDSAP-Policy notified by Government of India in March 2012, MeitY through NIC has set up the Open Government Data (OGD) platform India-<https://data.gov.in/> to provide open access by proactive release of the data available with various ministries/departments/organizations of Government of India.

OGD platform is available as Software as a Service (SaaS) model. It is envisaged that Ministries/Departments would release datasets on proactive/auto consumption basis through Application Programming Interfaces(APIs)/Web Services ie in line with the principles of Open by Default from all e-Government Service Applications particularly from Digital India initiative of the Government.

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