

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 18**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.02.2022

**COMMON SERVICE CENTRES**

**18. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of Common Service Centres (CSC) setup under Digital India Programme in the country so far;
- (b) the details of StreeSwabhiman Yojana being run by the Government through CSC;
- (c) the statewise details of total number of Sanitary Napkin micro manufacturing units setup under StreeSwabhiman Yojana in the country so far; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include other activities relating to social concerns and Women's empowerment in the above said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has implemented the network of Common Services Centres (CSC) under the Digital India Programme. The CSC scheme envisages setting up of at-least one CSC in each of 2.50 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country, for delivery of various Government-to-Citizen (G2C) and other citizen-centric e-Services to citizens. It is a self-sustainable entrepreneurship model which is run by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). As on December 2021, total 4,46,789 CSCs are functional across all states & Union Territories of the country, out of which, total 3,48,391 CSCs are functional at Gram Panchayat (GP) level. The list of number of CSCs in the country (State/UT-wise) is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(b), (c) and (d): CSC SPV under its own initiative, started "StreeSwabhiman" Project in 2017 for advancing women's health and hygiene, especially in rural areas of the country. CSC SPV, through this initiative is striving to create a skill-oriented sustainable model for providing affordable and accessible sanitary products close to the homes of adolescent girls and women. The initiative is driven by awareness and outreach by the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE) to effect behavioural change towards the issue of menstrual hygiene in the community.

Under this project, Sanitary Napkin Micro Manufacturing Units are being set up at CSCs across the country, particularly those operated by women VLEs. The sanitary napkins produced by these units not only suit the needs of low-income communities, but are also bio-degradable and thus environment friendly. Besides, these are made easily accessible to rural communities.

Under StreeSwabhiman initiative, a number of women entrepreneurs have turned out to be the symbols of empowerment for women and girls in their communities. They are not just advancing women's health and hygiene, but also providing employment opportunities for other women in their community.

A total number of 1,276 (One thousand two hundred seventy-six) Sanitary Napkin manufacturing units have been set up across the country. The State/UT-wise list of Manufacturing Unit for sanitary pad, setup under the StreeSwabhiman Project is enclosed in **Annexure II**.

No other activity relating to social concerns and women's empowerment has been identified by CSC-SPV.

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## Annexure-I

| STATE/UT-WISE STATUS OF ROLL OUT CSCs AS ON 31 DECEMBER, 2021 |                               |                             |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Functional CSCs (Urban+Rural) | Functional CSCs at GP level |
| State/UT  | 31 Dec'21                     | 31 Dec'21                   |
| Andhra Pradesh  | 9042                          | 6694                        |
| Arunachal Pradesh   | 143                           | 108                         |
| Assam   | 9384                          | 8513                        |
| Bihar   | 39745                         | 35366                       |
| Chhattisgarh  | 17441                         | 13838                       |
| Goa   | 127                           | 85                          |
| Gujarat   | 13132                         | 9154                        |
| Haryana   | 18880                         | 13263                       |
| Himachal Pradesh  | 4661                          | 4097                        |
| Jharkhand   | 16465                         | 13993                       |
| Karnataka   | 11831                         | 7683                        |
| Kerala  | 5574                          | 4338                        |
| Madhya Pradesh  | 36639                         | 27269                       |
| Maharashtra   | 50929                         | 38908                       |
| Manipur   | 913                           | 747                         |
| Meghalaya   | 824                           | 729                         |
| Mizoram   | 324                           | 215                         |
| Nagaland  | 365                           | 240                         |
| Odisha  | 15131                         | 13181                       |
| Punjab  | 10884                         | 7586                        |
| Rajasthan   | 20005                         | 16139                       |
| Sikkim  | 76                            | 60                          |
| Tamil Nadu  | 11549                         | 7549                        |
| Telangana   | 6229                          | 4271                        |
| Tripura   | 1432                          | 1245                        |
| Uttar Pradesh   | 106578                        | 83637                       |
| Uttarakhand   | 7855                          | 5775                        |
| West Bengal   | 20064                         | 17976                       |
| <b>State Total</b>  | <b>436222</b>                 | <b>342659</b>               |
| Andaman & Nicobar   | 55                            | 33                          |
| Chandigarh  | 100                           | 6                           |
| Dadra & NH, D&D   | 66                            | 44                          |
| Delhi   | 3713                          | 216                         |
| Jammu & Kashmir   | 6326                          | 5230                        |
| Ladakh  | 75                            | 66                          |
| Lakshadweep   | 14                            | 14                          |
| Puducherry  | 218                           | 123                         |
| <b>UT Total</b>   | <b>10567</b>                  | <b>5732</b>                 |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>  | <b>446789</b>                 | <b>348391</b>               |

## Annexure-II

The State/UT-wise list of Manufacturing Unit for sanitary pad, setup under the StreeSwabhiman Project

| <b>S.No</b> | <b>State/UT</b>  | <b>Unit Setup</b> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1           | Andhra Pradesh   | 38                |
| 2           | Assam            | 22                |
| 3           | Bihar            | 118               |
| 4           | Chhattisgarh     | 74                |
| 5           | Daman And Diu    | 1                 |
| 6           | Delhi            | 10                |
| 7           | Goa              | 1                 |
| 8           | Gujarat          | 50                |
| 9           | Haryana          | 12                |
| 10          | Himachal Pradesh | 12                |
| 11          | Jammu & Kashmir  | 5                 |
| 12          | Jharkhand        | 51                |
| 13          | Karnataka        | 18                |
| 14          | Kerala           | 33                |
| 15          | Madhya Pradesh   | 57                |
| 16          | Maharashtra      | 72                |
| 17          | Manipur          | 1                 |
| 18          | Meghalaya        | 15                |
| 19          | Mizoram          | 1                 |
| 20          | Nagaland         | 13                |
| 21          | Odisha           | 281               |
| 22          | Punjab           | 35                |
| 23          | Rajasthan        | 103               |
| 24          | Sikkim           | 1                 |
| 25          | Tamil Nadu       | 6                 |
| 26          | Telangana        | 27                |

|    |               |             |
|----|---------------|-------------|
| 27 | Tripura       | 3           |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 124         |
| 29 | Uttarakhand   | 24          |
| 30 | West Bengal   | 68          |
|    | <b>Total</b>  | <b>1276</b> |

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