

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2713**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.12.2024

**CREATION OF A SEPARATE DIRECTORATE OF  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**2713. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received a communication from the Public Representative (Member of Parliament) from Andaman & Nicobar Islands vide letter No. MP/ANI/2024/162 dated 9th October, 2024 regarding the creation of a separate Directorate of Information Technology and strengthening of IT cadres within the Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Administration;
- (b) if so, the details of the measures suggested in the proposal;
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard including consultations or approvals sought from relevant stakeholders;
- (d) whether any financial or technical support is planned to be extended to the A&N Administration for the establishment and operationalization of the Directorate of Information Technology; and
- (e) if so, the timeline for implementation of this proposal in case it is approved?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): Creation of Directorate of Information Technology catering to a State or Union Territory comes under the purview of concerned State/UT administration.

In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratise use of technology, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has taken various initiatives for Andaman & Nicobar.

Common Services Centres (CSCs) have been set up to deliver e-services including government services, financial services and services related to Aadhaar, various social welfare schemes, education, telemedicine, travel bookings, utility payments, etc. 95 CSCs are functional in Andaman & Nicobar, out of which, 71 CSCs are functional at GP level.

DigiLocker has provided a platform to the citizens for issuance and verification of digital documents and certificates. Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs; Registrar General of India, Andaman & Nicobar; Revenue Department; Transport Department and 2 educational institutions in Andaman & Nicobar have been onboarded as issuers on DigiLocker.

FutureSkills PRIME is a joint initiative by MeitY and NASSCOM which aims to provide re-skilling/ up-skilling opportunities in emerging technologies. The programme envisages re-skilling/ up-skilling of more than 13 lakh beneficiaries in these technologies. Enrollments from Andaman & Nicobar have also begun.

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology ('NIELIT') is an autonomous scientific society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Government of India has given NIELIT the status of Deemed University. NIELIT accredited centre in Andaman & Nicobar has enrolled students for skill development for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing ('ESDM').

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