

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1903
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.02.2026

**PROMOTION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT VILLAGE LEVEL
ENTREPRENEURS**

†1903. **SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:**
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote Information Technology to connect village level entrepreneurs digitally across the various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh including Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar districts of Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government propose to integrate State Information Technology (SIT) agencies with Common Service Centre E-Governance Service India Limited for digital transformation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the major initiatives taken by the Government to launch new technologies in order to bring positive changes in the lives of the people, capacity building and strengthen services of the State Government and increase their income?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Government is promoting the use of Information Technology to digitally connect village-level entrepreneurs across States through multiple initiatives under the Digital India programme.

Key initiatives include:

- **Common Service Centres (CSCs):** Over 5 lakh CSCs operated by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) provide digital services such as banking, insurance, telemedicine, education, and government services in rural and remote areas. State and district wise details of functional CSCs, including State of Maharashtra and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar district of Maharashtra, are available on the website <https://csc.gov.in/>
- **BharatNet:** Provision of high-speed broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats to enable digital service delivery and entrepreneurship at the village level. As of December 2025; 2,14,904 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service-ready.

- **Digital platforms and e-marketplaces:** Initiatives such as GeM, ONDC and various State e-governance platforms enable rural entrepreneurs, SHGs and small businesses to access wider markets.
- **Skill development and capacity building:** Programmes under PMGDISHA, Skill India, and CSC Academy focus on digital literacy, IT skills and entrepreneurship for rural citizens.
- **Support for startups and MSMEs:** Schemes such as Startup India, Digital MSME, and promotion of fintech and agritech solutions facilitate technology adoption by grassroots entrepreneurs.

CSC e-Governance Services India Limited regularly coordinates with State IT Departments and their agencies for collaboration and integration of State e-District services with CSC in order to strengthen the State Government's service delivery and the income of the VLEs.

As on 31.01.2026, a total of 16 States/UTs have integrated their e-services with the CSCs. These include Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu.

To bring positive change in citizens' lives and ensure equitable access to government services, Government of India has implemented a wide range of technology-driven solutions which includes:

- **Aadhaar** provides a universal digital identity to over 143 crore residents, enabling seamless service delivery, while UPI has transformed digital payments, driving financial inclusion by connecting millions of users, merchants, and banks.
- **DigiLocker and UMANG** offer anytime access to documents and over 2,390 government services through a single interface respectively.
- Digital initiatives such as **DIKSHA, GeM, e-Courts, e-Office, and CoWIN** have strengthened education, procurement, governance, and public health systems respectively.
- **Health-focused platforms** including eSanjeevani, e-Hospital, and Aarogya Setu have expanded healthcare access nationwide.
- **Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT)** delivers welfare payments directly and remove fake beneficiaries. So far, Rs. 48+ lakh crore has been transferred through DBT.
- **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)** enables scheme owning Ministries/Departments and States/UTs to process applications and disburse Scholarships/funds directly into the beneficiary's bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The National Scholarship Portal (NSP) serves over 7.47 Crore beneficiaries, with a total disbursement exceeding Rs. 44,181+ Crore. So far, 153 schemes belonging to 13 Ministries/Departments and 21 States/UTs are onboarded on NSP.
- CSCs, PMGDISHA, FutureSkills PRIME, MyGov, Jeevan Pramaan, and Poshan Tracker further promote inclusion, transparency, digital literacy, citizen engagement, and last-mile service delivery across urban and rural India.
