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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 747
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DIGITAL VILLAGE PILOT PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the Digital Village Pilot Project in Tamil Nadu including villages selected from the districts of Ramanathapuram, Kanchipuram and Tiruvannamalai to provide education, healthcare, skill development, solar-powered lighting and financial inclusion services;
- (b) if so, the details of the villages covered, the nature of services provided and the total funds allocated, released and utilized under the project in these districts;
- (c) the details of impact of the Digital Village Pilot Project in Tamil Nadu particularly in the above districts;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch a similar or expanded initiative to digitally empower rural and remote areas, especially in Ramanathapuram, Kanchipuram and Tiruvannamalai districts, based on the experience of the pilot project; and
- (e) if so, the details and expected timeline for implementation of such a follow-up programme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): ‘Digital Village Pilot Project’ was initiated to provide education services, health services, skill development services, solar powered streetlights and financial inclusion services along with Government-to citizen services and business-to-citizen services in 700 villages (one village from each district of States and Union Territories (UTs)) across the country.

A total of **32 villages** were covered under the Digital Village pilot project in the state of Tamil Nadu. The details of the villages covered under the districts of Ramanathapuram, Kanchipuram and Tiruvannamalai in the state of Tamil Nadu are as follows:

Sr. No.	District Name	Sub-District / Block	Gram Panchayat	Village Name
1	Ramanathapuram	Paramakudi	Vendhoni	Vendhoni
2	Tiruvannamalai	Tiruvannamalai	Vengikkal	Vengikkal
3	Kanchipuram	Kanchipuram	Kanchipuram	Kilkathirpur

The Digital Village pilot project has been implemented at a cost of Rs. 62.58 crore on pan India basis including the villages in these districts.

The project has been successfully closed w.e.f 31st March, 2024.

The services provided under the said project are as follows:

- i. Education Services: Courses provided under this project- Basic Computer Course (BCC), Course on Computer Concept (CCC), Tally- Kaushal Praman Patra, Basic Course in Information Technology (BCIT).
- ii. Additional Education: Competitive exam training, fundamental of CAD (Computer Aided Design)
- iii. Health Services: Tele-health and Tele-Veterinary consultation
- iv. Financial inclusion awareness programme
- v. Solar streetlights
- vi. Skill development in (a) Automotive technician, (b) Handset repair, (c) Field technician – Home appliance, (d) Electrical technician.

The above services have benefitted the beneficiaries in several aspects with few of them as follows:

- Various education courses offered in Digital Villages enabled beneficiaries to acquire basic computer skills, fundamental accounting knowledge and using Tally for accounting purposes.
- Beneficiaries trained in diverse skill sets through professional courses under the Digital Village initiative have experienced enhanced employability opportunities and increased scope for entrepreneurship.
- Health Services delivered in Digital Village have significantly improved access to essential healthcare services, particularly in rural and remote areas.
- Financial Inclusion Awareness Program has improved awareness and adoption of affordable financial products and services.
- Installation of Solar powered streetlights has contributed to improved public safety, enhanced mobility during night hours and promotion of renewable energy usage.
- Delivery of various Government-to-Citizen (G2C) and Business-to-Citizen (B2C) services through Digital Villages has strengthened last mile service delivery and enhanced convenience for rural citizens.
