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COMMON SERVICE CENTRES IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the current status of rural and urban broadband access in Bihar as per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) data and the progress made under the BharatNet project to improve the same;
- (b) the extent to which the Common Service Centres (CSCs) operating in Bihar under the 'Digital India' mission are effective and whether they are able to provide all the prescribed digital services; (c) the special measures taken by the Government through Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) for cyber security awareness and assistance to the citizens in view of the increasing cyber crimes in Bihar; and
- (d) whether any special incentives or roadmap has been prepared for setting up electronics manufacturing or IT/ITES units in Bihar under Central Schemes like 'Make in India' and 'Production Linked Incentive (PLI)'?

ANSWER

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

(a): BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country.

As on December, 2025; 2,14,904 GPs have been made service ready under BharatNet project in the country. A total number of 8,340 GPs have been made service ready under BharatNet in Bihar.

Further, Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) has been approved by the Government on for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II.

(b): Common Services Centres (CSCs) are established throughout the country to provide citizen-centric services. These centres are operated by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE).

As on December 2025, there are 57,793 functional CSCs in Bihar. Further, State wise details of CSCs is available on the website <https://csc.gov.in/>. More than 800 services are being delivered through these CSCs. List of services is available at <https://csc.gov.in/>.

(c): The Government has taken various initiatives for cyber security awareness of citizens including those in Bihar, for safe usage of digital technologies which inter-alia, includes:

- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is designated as the national agency for responding to cyber security incidents under the provisions of section 70B of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- CERT-In issues alerts and advisories regarding latest cyber threats/vulnerabilities and countermeasures to protect computers, mobile phones, networks and data on an ongoing basis.
- CERT-In coordinates with service providers, regulators and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to track and disable phishing websites and facilitate investigation of fraudulent activities.
- Cyber Swachhta Kendra (CSK) is a citizen-centric service provided by CERT-In, which extends the vision of Swachh Bharat to the cyber space. Cyber Swachhta Kendra helps to detect malicious programs and provides free tools to remove the same, and also provides cyber security tips and best practices for citizens and organisations.
- CERT-In observes the National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) during October of every year, Safer Internet Day on 2nd Tuesday of February every year, Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st to 15th February of every year and Cyber JagrooktaDiwas (CJD) on 1st Wednesday of every month by organising various events and activities for citizens as well as the technical cyber community in India.
- CERT-In regularly shares safety and security tips, awareness posters, info-graphics, booklets and videos through its official websites and social media handles such as Facebook, X(Twitter), Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn for sensitizing internet users on cyber security threats and prevention measures.

(d): The Government has multiple schemes for promoting electronics manufacturing such as Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing (LSEM), PLI Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware, ECMS etc. These schemes are pan-India basis and applicants can set up units anywhere in the country including Bihar.
