GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)
LOK SABHA
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592   SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
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Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

(a)   whether huge investments have been promised on the occasion of launching of the Digital India Week and if so, the details thereof;
(b)   whether India has been digital for quite a while now and the National Informatics Centre was set up long back and if so, the details thereof;
(c)   whether the Digital India initiative will lead to digital lockers for documents and e-signatures for day-to-day Government activities and revolutionise India to a "paperless sarkar"; and
(d)   whether the Government is planning to synchronize make in India project and Digital India Campaign to achieve "Net Zero Imports" in Electronics Manufacturing and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): During the launch of Digital India Week, investment assurances of above Rs.4.5 lakh crores were given by some of the major industrial houses. These investments are expected to generate over 18 lakh jobs.

(b): National Informatics Centre (NIC), an attached office of the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), is a premier organization providing e-Governance Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Infrastructure, applications and services for the delivery of citizen centric services. NIC has set up ICT infrastructure at Centre, State and District level to enable delivery of e-Governance services. Several e-Governance software applications have been developed and rolled out by NIC. One of the major responsibilities of NIC is to keep strategic control of these e-Governance applications on behalf of the government.

(c): Targeted towards the idea of paperless governance, DigiLocker is a platform designed for issuance and verification of documents & certificates in a digital way. DigiLocker account holder gets a dedicated cloud storage space. Registered Organizations can push electronic copies of documents and certificates into citizens' lockers. Citizens can also upload their legacy documents. Further, Digital signatures have been integrated in a number of applications; some of which are - e-filing of statutory returns, import-export processing, e-procurement, e-ticketing by Railway agents and electronic funds transfer. The e-sign

initiative has been designed for obtaining a Digital Signature Certificates (DSC) wherein submission of documents in physical form is not required.

(d): Promotion of electronics hardware manufacturing with a target of "NetZero Imports" is one of the pillars of Digital India Programme of the Government.

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