

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

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GOOD GOVERNANCE WEEK

160. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a) the details of the initiative unveiled under 'Digital India' during the 'Good Governance' week held last year;
- (b) whether the initiatives will include development of more Indian languages on digital platforms and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds government proposes to utilise on these initiatives in the current fiscal year?

ANSWER

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

(a): The following initiatives have been launched under 'Digital India' during the 'Good Governance Week' held from 25 Dec to 31 Dec 2015:

Digital Infrastructure:

- National Centre for Geo Informatics for use of GIS in Government
- National Informatics Centre (NIC's) 4th Data Centre at Bhubaneswar
- Initiating empanelment for private cloud services providers for e-Governance
- Public wi-fi hotspots at Harki Pauri, Haridwar and Dargah Sharif, Ajmer
- 10 lakh connections with Next Generation Network (NGN) capacity
- Dedication of 251st ATM Post Office to nation

Digital Services:

- Government Payment Portal enabling 100% e-Payment across the country
- Mobile App for Digital Locker account holders
- Transfer of Text To Speech Technology to industry in 9 Indian Languages
- Installation of solar panels to enable rural post office as multi-service delivery centres and launch of Post Terminals
- 12000th Post Office to offer Core Banking Solution

- Pan India Free Roaming for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited(MTNL) customers

Digital Empowerment:

- Special Manpower Development Program for Chips to System Design
- Online Labs (OLABs) (virtual laboratory for Class XI-XII) in all CBSE schools
- Information Security Education Awareness (ISEA) Phase II programme
- Capacity & Awareness of 1.14 lakh persons through 45 participating institutions
- Digital India e-Newsletter

Industry Promotion:

- All India BPO scheme to create 48,300 BPO seats in Tier II / Tier III towns
- Dedicating 1st BPO centre under North East BPO scheme at Guwahati
- Eight new Software Technology Parks of India(STPI) centres in Bihar, Odisha & Uttar Pradesh
- Indigenously developed tactile books in Math developed by IIT - Delhi
- Indigenously developed Digital Programmable Hearing aid by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing(CDAC), Thiruvananthapuram

(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. Under Digital India programme, Technology for Text-to-Speech (TTS) System in 9 Indian languages has been transferred to OS Labs India Ltd for integrating the TTS in indigenous Android based Indus OS(Operating System) in Indian languages. Under the ongoing project of Text-to-speech (TTS) system in Indian languages, TTS for 2 more Indian languages is under development. The government has proposed to utilise Rs. 1.46 crore on these initiatives in the current fiscal year.
