

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th MARCH, 2016**

FIRST DIGITAL STATE

3081. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN::

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

- (a) whether Kerala has been declared as the first digital State in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of other States as well in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) & (b) In a function held on 27.02.2016 the Hon'ble President of India dedicated Kerala as digital State and under Digital India programme all Gram Panchayats of Kerala have been provided broadband connectivity.

(c) & (d) The Department of Electronics and Information Technology(DeitY), Government of India and the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) have collaborated in conducting surveys on e-Readiness of states/UTs and in bringing out e-Readiness assessment reports, since 2003, to review the performance of States/UTs in terms of e-Readiness. Till date, a total of six e-Readiness assessments have been conducted. The focus of these assessments has been to evaluate the ability of the States/ Union Territories (UTs) government to pursue value creation opportunities and accompanying inclusive economic development facilitated by Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
