

- Open Government Data (OGD) Platform to expose Government data to citizens while increasing transparency in Government function.
- Mobile Governance to deliver Government services over mobile devices using mobile applications installed on the user's mobile handsets.
- e-Taal to provides quick view of the number of transactions performed by various e-Governance applications on a real time basis. Several new initiatives have been undertaken by the Government such as:
- Unified Mobile App for New-age Governance (UMANG) to build a common, unified platform and mobile app to facilitate single point of access for Government services through mobile.
- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to facilitate on line procurement of Goods and Services required by various Government Departments/Organizations/ PSUs.
- Rapid Assessment System (RAS) as a continuous feedback system for e-services delivered through various Digital India platforms and various e-Gov applications.
- National Centre of Geo-informatics (NCoG) for development of GIS platform for sharing, collaboration, location based analytics and decision support system for Departments.
- New National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) scheme, target is to make 6 crore people digitally literate in 3 years.

(d) Yes, Sir. On the sideline of the Indo-US ICT Working Group held during 12th-16th January, 2015 in Washington DC USA, a workshop on Digital India was organized on 16th January, 2015, so as to apprise the US industry on various opportunities for collaboration under Digital India programme.

(e) No, Sir.

Transformation of National Informatics Centre

631. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for transformation of National Informatics Centre (NIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether a High Level Committee has been set up in this regard which has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government has accepted the findings of the Committee for implementation;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the transformation of NIC would result in employment generation in the electronics and computers field, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (f) The Committee for transformation of National Informatics Centre (NIC) to NIC 2.0 was constituted by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

However, NIC has put up the final report on the recommendations of the Committee to the Hon'ble Minister on 24th June, 2016 for acceptance.

Research centres for development of handicraft market

632. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open Research Centres for development of handicraft market in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the places identified for opening such Research Centres, including the time by when these Centres are likely to be opened; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for making the handicrafts competitive in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The Government has initiated a proposal for establishment of a Hastkala Academy at New Delhi under which research work on development of handicrafts will be taken up.

(c) The steps taken by the Government for making the handicrafts as well as handmade carpets and other floor coverings competitive in international market include: participations in fairs/exhibitions abroad; thematic display and live demonstration of handicrafts in exhibitions abroad; organizing buyer-seller meets in India and abroad; brand image promotion of Indian handicrafts abroad through seminars and publicity, awareness programmes about technology, packaging and export policies in India to exporters; organizing Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fairs, product specific shows and Made in India show and providing assistance under Market Development Assistance and Market Access Initiative Schemes of Ministry of Commerce to exporter members.