

as 'Startup India' and 'Digital India' also promote e-governance and m-governance. Besides, efforts are also being made to diversify presence in global markets which include Europe (besides UK which is a mature market), Africa, South America, Israel, Australia, China and Japan.

Licence to private players to operate digital lockers

4096. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started the process of licensing private players and other Government agencies to operate Digital Lockers for storage of various documents issued by Government and its Bodies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the DigiLocker had 47.72 lakh users with a repository of more than 67 lakh documents; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has issued norms to let private players obtain licence that would allow them to operate Digital Lockers nearly two years after DigiLocker was launched in July, 2015?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. Digital Locker Authority, constituted under the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries Providing Digital Locker Facilities) Rules, 2016, has issued a notification to invite applications from the eligible players to become licensed Digital Locker Service Providers.

(b) As on April 3, 2017, DigiLocker has more than 48.77 lakh registered users who have uploaded more than 72 lakh documents.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Internet shutdowns in the country

4097. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many internet shutdowns have occurred in the country during the last three years;

(b) the losses incurred by Indian citizens and companies during these years;

(c) whether the losses underwent huge variation in different years; and

(d) whether Government has adopted any remedial measures in this regard, if so, the details thereof?