

project for telemedicine, tele-education and skill development for financial year 2017-18 is as follows:-

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Components	Approved outlay
1.	Telemedicine	12.95
2.	Tele-education	38.99
3.	Skill development	30.47

(c) and (d) The Pilot Project of Digital Village has been approved with a total outlay of ₹ 423.26 crore for a period of 3 years involving 6 months for implementation and remaining period for operation and maintenance/service delivery phase post implementation. This project intends to provide a platform for availability of services namely tele-education, tele-medicine, LED Street Lighting and Wi-Fi Hotspot and skill development to the citizens at the Gram Panchayats across various States/UTs.

#### **Hate messages through social media sites**

2323. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to talk to the CEO's of the social media sites operating in the country in order to check the propagation of hate messages through these sites; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) A large number of internet based social media platforms many of which are hosted by Foreign Service providers have proliferated over the past decades. These social media sites are being misused by anti-national elements for propagating hate message. Government is working closely with these service providers for setting up a mechanism for sharing of data for law enforcement purposes within the ambit of domestic law. A committee has also been formed to discuss the mechanism with social media companies to filter hate and other undesirable content on their platforms.

#### **Refund mechanism for BHIM App**

2324. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the National Payments Corporation of India to smoothen the refund mechanism for BHIM App, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the process of getting refund in BHIM App is more cumbersome compared to other applications; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to resolve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) M/s. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is the developer as well as implementing agency for BHIM App. M/s. NPCI based on the learning and feedback feature available in the BHIM App, does necessary enhancements in BHIM App to improve the overall process and customer convenience.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The process of getting refund in case of failed transactions is instant and automated. The bank credits the customer account immediately in case of failed transaction.

#### **Status of implementation of Digital India programme**

2325. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Digital India programme in the country;

(b) whether all villages and remote towns of the country have been covered by basic communication/internet services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and how long will it take to cover the entire country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information technology (MeitY), Government of India has initiated the 'Digital India' programme with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Digital India is an umbrella programme that covers multiple projects of various Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs and is being coordinated by MeitY. Each project has its own budgetary requirement and accordingly project-plan has been charted out by the implementing departments.

Digital India aims to provide the much needed thrust to nine pillars of growth areas: (i) Broadband Highways, (ii) Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity, (iii) Public Internet Access Programme, (iv) e-Governance—Reforming Government through Technology, (v) e-Kranti—Electronic delivery of services, (vi) Information for All, (vii) Electronics Manufacturing—Target NET ZERO Imports, (viii) IT for Jobs,