GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES IN TAMIL NADU AND UTTAR PRADESH

1180. SHRI SYED ZAFAR ISLAM:
     SHRI K.P. MUNUSAMY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: -

(a) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by Government to make Information Technology more accessible in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has made any effort to make IT accessible to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including that of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a)   to (c): The 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. The Digital India programme is centred on three key vision areas namely Digital Infrastructure as a Core Utility to Every Citizen, Governance and Services on Demand and Digital Empowerment of Citizens. Some of the key initiatives taken by the Government to make Information Technology accessible to the people living in rural, hilly and remote areas of the country including Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh are as follows:

- **Common Services Centres (CSC):** MeitY has initiated a project namely "Common Services Centres (CSC) 2.0" in August, 2015 under Digital India Programme, which envisages setting up of at least one CSC at Gram Panchayat (GP) to cover all the 2.5 lakh GPs across the country. Common Services Centres are internet enabled centres operated by local entrepreneur, called Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) and provide eServices to rural citizens. So far, total 9,948 CSCs are functional in Tamil Nadu including 6,147 CSCs at Gram Panchayat (GP) level. In the state of Uttar Pradesh, total 76,435 CSCs are functional including 57,909 CSCs at Gram Panchayat (GP) level.

- **Digital Village:** MeitY has also initiated the 'Digital Village Pilot Project" in October, 2018. 700 Gram Panchayats (GPs)/Village with atleast one Gram Panchayat/Village per District per State/UT are being covered under the project. The digital services being offered are Digital Health Services (Tele-Health & Tele-Veterinary consultation), Education Service, Financial Services, Skill Development, Solar panel powered street lights including Government to Citizens Services (G2C), Business to Citizen (B2C) Services. The project is covering one Gram Panchayat/Village each from 32 districts of Tamil Nadu and 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh for implementation under Digital Village Pilot Project.

- **e-District Mission Mode Project (MMP):** e-District project has been implemented at district and sub-district levels of all States/UTs, benefitting all citizens by delivering various e-Services such as Certificates (Birth, Caste, Death, Income and Local Resident), Pension (Old Age, Disability and Widow), Electoral, Consumer Court, Revenue Court, Land Record and services of various

departments such as Commercial Tax, Agriculture, Labour, Employment Training & Skill Development etc. e-District services have been launched in 705 districts across 28 States/ 5 UTs. As on 31st December 2020, total 131 e-Services have been launched in 36 districts of the Tamil Nadu whereas total 258 e-Services have been launched in all 75 districts of the Uttar Pradesh under National Roll-Out of eDistrict MMP.

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