

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 272**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.07.2024

**STATUS OF DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME**

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

- (a) the present status of Digital India Programme in the State of Tamil Nadu along with the success achieved in the State against the target set thereunder;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized under the said scheme during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the role played by Digital India Initiative in empowerment of people;
- (d) if so, the detailed outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any study to measure the extent of adoption of digital technologies by the rural masses in Tamil Nadu;
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (g) the increase in digital penetration and usage of e-Government tools in the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a): Government has launched the Digital India programme with the vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge-based economy, by ensuring digital access, digital inclusion, digital empowerment and bridging the digital divide. The 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. The overall goal is to ensure that digital technologies improve the life of every citizen, expand India's digital economy, and create investment and employment opportunities and digital technological capabilities in India.

Several schemes/projects are being implemented under Digital India programme for creating awareness and providing digital facilities to citizens in all States and Union territories (UTs), including in the State of Tamil Nadu. Such digital facilities in the State of Tamil Nadu include about 18,373 functional Common Service Centres (CSCs), the imparting of health, education, financial inclusion awareness and skill development related services in each of the 38 districts in the State under the Digital Village pilot project, more than 134 citizen-centric e-services launched under the e-District Mission Mode project and certification of 10.69 lakh persons under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) for functional digital literacy. In addition, citizens across the country, including state of Tamil Nadu, have also been enabled to access e-services under various initiatives, such as Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG), DigiLocker, e-Sign, e-Hospital and MyGov, Myscheme, etc.

(b): Digital India is an umbrella programme that covers multiple projects of various central Ministries/Departments & States/UTs. Each project has its own budgetary requirement and accordingly project-plan has been charted out by the implementing Ministry/departments and

budget details are being maintained by concerned Ministries/Departments & States/UTs. However, budget allocated and utilised by MeitY under Digital India programme during last three years is as follows:

Financial Year	Budget allocated (Rs. in Crore)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
2021-22	6,388.00	4,504.36
2022-23	5400.50	3863.13
2023-24	5354.51	3945.42

(c) and (d): Under Digital India programme, evaluation of the impact of all major schemes is generally carried out through an independent third party, which is not involved in the implementation of the Scheme to ensure fair independent assessment. The impact assessment studies of Electronic Governance scheme under Digital India Programme was conducted through Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Hyderabad in October, 2020. The study has brought out that Digital India is transforming citizen services by providing access to information driven through technology, integrating various systems and services between government and citizens, thereby empowering and enhancing citizen's social, environmental and economic values.

(e) to (g): Statistics of e-transactions on e-Taal platform (<https://etaal.gov.in/>) gives an indication of increase in digital penetration and usage of e-Government tools in India. More than 21,224 crore e-transactions have been recorded on e-Taal platform for 4,209e-services during the year 2023while 15,810 crore-transactions recorded for 4,020 services during the year 2022. Number of e-transactions recorded on e-Taal platform during the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu is as follows.

States	Number of e-Transactions (in Crore)		
	2021	2022	2023
Tamil Nadu	32.79	44.56	60.00

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