

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:340
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2001
COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES
SAHIB SINGH VERMA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to launch `Community Information Centres` in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of cost and the utility of the above system; and
- (d) the time by which this system is likely to be installed in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.340 FOR 12.12.2001 REGARDING COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES

(a),(b),(c) and (d): With a view to accelerating the socio-economic development of the community in the North-East region a project has been undertaken to set up 487 Community Information Centres (CICs) at block headquarters of seven North East states and Sikkim as a part of PM's agenda for socio-economic development of the region at an estimated cost of Rs.220 crores.

A pilot project for setting up 30 CICs in the above said eight States has since been launched at an estimated expenditure of Rs.15 crores. Based on the experience gained therefrom, CICs are targeted to be set up in the remaining 457 blocks by 15th August, 2002.

Since the scheme is being implemented in the composite manner, state-wise allocation of funds is not envisaged.