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COMPUTER INFORMATION CENTRE
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Computer Information Centres (CIC) set up by the Government so far in each State, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years; and
- (c) the funds allocated to each Centre during the current financial year?

Answer

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

- (a): Community Information Centres (CICs) have been set up, as a pilot project, in the seven North-East States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur and also in Sikkim. Under this pilot project these centres have been set up at 30 sites selected by the State Government. No such centre has so far been set up in Maharashtra or in any other state.
- (b): The expenditure involved in setting up 30 CICs in August/September, 2000 and maintaining them over a period of 5 years is likely to be Rs.15 crores.
- (c): The funds placed at the disposal of the Government implementing agency, namely, National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICSI), are to be utilised by them for initial period of five years of functioning of these CICs. No separate fund has, therefore, been allocated separately for each centre during the current financial year.