

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Department of Information technology had signed MOU with State Government of Jammu & Kashmir in the year 2003 for setting up of 139 Community Information Centres (CICs) at Block Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed on 16th February, 2004 between the Government of India and the State Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir in the matter of commissioning of Community Information Centres (CICs), maintenance, control, operations and transfer of management thereof. As per MOU, Department of Information Technology (DIT), Government of India has taken up setting up of 135 CICs at the block level in Jammu & Kashmir with an outlay of Rs.40.67 crores for a period of five years, Project is being implemented by National Informatics Centre(NIC)/National Information Centre Services Inc. (NICSI) in two phases i.e. 60 CICs in the first phase by October 2004 and remaining 75 CICs in the second phase by October 2005.

(c): 60 CICs of first phase have been made available to people of J&K for providing citizen-centric services. Community Portals of all 60 CICs have been created and the CIC Operators have been trained to upload local content into these sites. Remaining 75 CICs are underway.