

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF IT IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote Information Technology enabled services in the country especially in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the assistance likely to be provided by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Government of India through Department of IT, has approved the Common Services Centers (CSC) Scheme on September 26, 2006 for establishment of 100,000 + CSCs across rural India for delivery of Government, private and social sector services to rural citizens of India including Orissa.
- (b) : The Government of India has approved the CSC Scheme for Orissa and accordingly administrative sanctions of Rs. 135.72 Cr have been issued including release of 1st Installment of Rs. 16.96 Cr to Orissa. The Orissa Government has also issued RFP for selection of potential Service Center Agency(SCA)
- (c) : Government is providing revenue support for the four years in the CSC Scheme. Government of India has appointed a National Level Service Agency (NLSA) to assist the States for implementation of the CSC Scheme.