

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is making efforts to promote information technology in the country specially in Jharkhand ;
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken for promoting the information technology in the State during the last two year ;
- (c) the number of institutes established and upgraded for the expansion of information technology in the country specially in Jharkhand; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and spent under the said head in the country especially in Jharkhand during the last three years, State - Wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Some of the major e-Governance projects undertaken in Jharkhand are as follows: The Government has approved a Project for establishing 4562 Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Jharkhand. The Government has also approved a project for establishing a State Data Centre in the State. A Scheme for creation of Capacity to better develop, implement and monitor governance Schemes in Jharkhand has also been sanctioned for the State. In addition, the DIT has initiated an Information Security Education and Awareness Project (ISE&AP) in which Indian School of Mines (ISM) Dhanbad is a participating institute.
- (c): STPI has created 51 Software Technology Parks for promoting IT across the country. One STPI Centre has also been established in Ranchi.
- (d): Details of Projects approved and funds released to Jharkhand under e governance head are at Annexure-I. Details of funds received and released under e Governance budget head of DIT is at Annexure II. The Department of Information Technology(DIT) has also released Rs 3.22 lakhs as grant in aid to ISM Dhanbad and also supplied equipment worth Rs 15 lakhs (approx) under ISE&AP