

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

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SETTING UP OF INTERNET KIOSKS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a project to set up Internet Kiosks in each and every village in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) and (b): Under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) the Government has sanctioned the scheme of Common Services Centres (CSCs) under which 1,00,000 kiosks are being established in rural areas. On an average for every six villages, one Common Service Centre has been planned. In the next phase all panchayats are planned to have a Common Service Centre. These kiosks are equipped with Computers, connectivity and trained and incentivized manpower. These Centres provide public services along with facilities of Internet and E-mail. The Scheme is being implemented on Public Private Partnership model with Government of India providing only revenue viability gap funding. Till 31st March 2010 about 76,000 CSCs have been established. The details of CSCs sanctioned State-wise is given in Annexure.

(c): Does not arise.