

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

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VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITIES IN VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether some village Panchayats have been linked to the video-conferencing facility under e-Governance by way of internet and computer in the country;and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) and (b): No, Sir. However under National e-Governance Plan, the Government has sanctioned the scheme of Common Services Centres (CSCs) under which 1,00,000 Kiosks are being established in rural areas. These kiosks are equipped with Computers, Internet Connectivity and Trained and incentivized manpower. These Centres provide public services along with facilities of Internet and e-mail. Centres equipped with broadband connectivity also have the facility of web based video conferencing. The scheme is being implemented on Public Private Partnership model with Government of India providing revenue viability gap funding. As on 31st October, 2010 about 85,000 CSCs have been established. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.