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COMMON SERVICE CENTRES

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned the Common Service Centres (CSCs) scheme under E-Governance Plan;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme alongwith the works undertaken under the scheme so far, State-wise;
- (c) the targets fixed under the scheme and the achievements made so far; and
- (d) the funds allocated and spent under the scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. 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. The scheme is being implemented on Public Private Partnership model with Government of India providing revenue viability gap funding. Till 28th February, 2011 about 90,000 CSCs have been established in 31 States. State-wise status of CSCs established is placed at Annexure-I.

(d): The total approved cost of the CSC Project is Rs.1649 crores. State-wise details of funds allocated and spent is placed at Annexure-II.