

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Community Information Service Centres functioning in the North - Eastern States including Assam as on date;
- (b) the funds granted to these centers during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries and per beneficiary cost on running these centres State-wise;
- (d) whether some of the centres are run on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

**Answer**

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

(a): A total of 555 Community Information Centre were established in the North Eastern States including Assam through the Community Information Centres (CICs) Scheme. The Scheme was approved by Government of India in 2002 for a period of 5 years and after 2 year extension the Scheme has been completed in March, 2009. The CICs set up were to be merged with the Common Service Centres Scheme under National e-Governance Plan. Accordingly, 430 CICs of six States of Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Assam have been integrated as CSCs. State Government of Tripura & Arunachal Pradesh have decided to continue their 85 & 40 centres as CICs through their own resources. The CICs were set up by National Informatics Centre at a total cost of Rs. 181.75 crore. The State-wise details of the Centres are placed at Annexure-I.

(b): In the last three years a total of Rs.297.46 lakhs have been sanctioned for the CICs of the North Eastern State. The details are given at Annexure-II.

(c): Beneficiaries of the scheme directly include two operators for each CIC Centre and indirectly the entire populace of the block. Each Operator of the CIC was paid a fixed honorarium of Rs.5500 per month.

(d) and (e): The CICs in the 6 States of Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Assam which have been merged with CSC Scheme of NeGP are being run on PPP mode. Status of CSC Scheme, State-wise for North Eastern States is enclosed at Annexure-III.