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

(a) whether it is true that the country could not exploit fully its IT potential;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether it is also true that India does not have a national data network in many areas of national importance;

(d) if so, whether the Government has any plan to create such data network; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): With the infusion of Information Technology (IT) accessibility, reliability and efficiency in delivery of public services can be enhanced. Similarly IT can improve productivity and cost efficiency to a large extent. Accordingly all sectors of economy in the country are leveraging IT.

(c): National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been working for creation of Data Communication Network and development of e-governance applications for the Government sector. NIC has created a national level network called NICNET which has reach upto districts level and is used for the Government only.

(d) and (e): Do not arise.