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CYBER CAFE IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up cyber cafe in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the aims and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the districts / villages have been identified for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Under National e-Governance Plan, the Government has sanctioned the scheme of Common Service Center (CSCs) for setting up of 1,00,000 kiosks in rural areas. On an average for six villages, one Common Service Center has been planned to be set up. These kiosks are equipped with Computers, Connectivity, trained and incentivized manpower. These centers provide public services alongwith facilities of Internet and E-Mail. The scheme is implemented on Public Private Partnership model with Government of India providing only revenue viability gap funding. As on 31st January 2012, around 88000 Centers have been set up.

The scheme has an outlay of Rs. 5742 crores of which Rs. 1649 crores would be provided by the Government and Rs. 4093 crores by the Private Sector. The state wise list showing number of CSCs planned and setup so far is enclosed as Annexure.