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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand, stabilise and standardise e-commerce in country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. More than 88,000 Common Service Centres (CSC) have been established of which 76,000(approx) have broadband connectivity. State wise details of CSCs are given in the Annexure.

(c): CSC-SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) formed for managing CSCs has taken various initiatives for providing more and more G2C and B2C services through CSCs. CSCs are providing online payments, e-literacy courses, utility bill payments etc. Initiatives have been taken for CSCs to function as business correspondents for various banks.