

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIGITAL PRESERVATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether institutions under the Centre of Excellence for Digital Preservation are being identified in various States including Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details there of, state-wise along with the inputs provided to the Department of Information Technology the formation of national digital preservation policy and strategy by identifying and selecting fields;
- (c) whether the work of digital preservation has been assigned to Human Centred Design & Computing Group, C-DAC, Pune
- (d) if so, the details there of;
- (e) the details of researches and development done in digital preservation to produce the required tools, technologies, guidelines and best practices so far; and
- (f) the expenditure involved and the results achieved as a result there of?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d): The Centre of Excellence for Digital Preservation project was initiated at CDAC Pune in April 2011 to conduct research and development in digital preservation with an objective of developing the required competencies and capabilities in terms of developing tools, systems and standards necessary for long-term archival of electronic records.

(e) and (f): - Standards, Best practices and Guidelines for e-records developed.

- Domain specific preservation systems and tools are under development . - Study of international standards for adaptation in Indian context underway.

The details are given in Annexure.

First release of Rs. 1.75 crore has been utilized for the above activities. Second installment of Rs. 3.5 crore has been released in FY 2012-13.