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

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to open Common Service Centres (CSCs) in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total amount of funds sanctioned and released for this purpose;
- (d) the services which will be provided by these centres;
- (e) whether some States have been facing non-availability of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) connectivity to the Centres; and
- (f) if so, the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) the Government has sanctioned the scheme of Common Service Centres (CSCs) under which 1,00,000 kiosks are being established in rural areas. These kiosks are equipped with Computers, connectivity and trained and incentivized manpower. These Centres provide public services along with facilities of Internet and E-mail. The Scheme is being implemented on Public Private Partnership model with Government of India providing only revenue viability gap funding. Till 31st October, 2009, about 55,000 CSCs have been established. The details of CSCs sanctioned State-wise is given in Annexure.

(c): Under NeGP an outlay of Rs.1649 crores was sanctioned for CSC Scheme. An amount of about Rs.800 crores has been released under this scheme.

(d): Both Government to Citizen and Business to Citizen services will be provided by the CSCs.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Department of Information Technology (DIT) has sanctioned Rs.550 crores to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) under the CSCs scheme for providing connectivity to CSCs in the country.