

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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

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- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide extensive Computer Network, Internet and e-mail facility in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) and (c): Under National e-Governance Plan, 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 centers 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.

(d): Does not arise.

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Above mentioned schedule for briefing meeting on Parliament Questions may kindly be noted.

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