

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for the expansion of the information technology network in the country during the current calendar year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat; and
- (c) the amount of funds sanctioned/proposed to be sanctioned by the Union Government to the States for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Under the State Wide Area Network (SWAN) project, 35 SWANs were planned to be implemented across the country connecting State Headquarter (SHQ) to District Headquarters (DHQ) and Block Headquarters (BHQ) with a minimum 2Mbps connectivity including Gujarat State.

SWANs in 31 States/UTs, namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, are operational.

However, there is no action plan for expansion of IT network in the current calendar year.

SWANs in 4 States/UTs, namely Andaman & Nicobar, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Jammu & Kashmir are in the process of implementation.

(c): Funds sanctioned for SWAN for the States/UTs which are in process of implementation are:

- (i) Andaman & Nicobar: Rs.5.25 Crore
- (ii) Daman & Diu: Rs.2.50 Crore
- (iii) Dadra & Nagar Haveli: Rs.2.78 Crore
- (iv) Jammu & Kashmir: Rs.37.54 Crore

Implemented under State scheme