

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DIGITISATION OF RECORDS OF SWBS  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering the digitisation of records of all the State Waqf Boards (SWBs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the companies which are competent in digitisation of records in regional languages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING)

(a) : Yes, Madam. Based on the recommendation of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Waqf in its 9th Report, the Central Government has launched a scheme in December 2009 for Computerization of records of State Waqf Boards with Central financial assistance to State/UT Waqf Boards.

(b) : The main objective of the scheme is to streamline record keeping, introduce transparency and to computerize the various functions/processes of the Waqf Boards. It envisages development of a web-based software application named Waqf Management System of India (WAMSI). WAMSI is a centralized database covering the following four modules:

- i) Registration of auqaf (waqf properties)
- ii) Mutawalli return assessments
- iii) Leasing details of auqaf, and
- iv) Litigation tracking of auqaf

The scheme provides one time grant-in-aid to all the 30 State Waqf Boards under intimation to the State/ UT Government for setting up of Central Computing Facility (CCF). It includes financial support for hiring computer personnels and handholding charges. As on date, Rs. 13.68 crore has been released to 27 SWBs. CCF has been setup in 26 SWBs and 2,61,112 number of waqf properties out of 3,13,786 has been entered in the WAMSI registration modules. State/UT-wise details are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The Central Government has assigned the work to National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Information and Technology for development of an online software named Waqf Management System of India (WAMSI) for data entries of waqf properties and digitisation of records of waqf properties of State/UT Waqf Boards. NIC has a Pan India presence which helps the State/UT Waqf Boards in implementation of the scheme at regional level.