

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

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OPEN GOVERNMENT PLATFORM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched an open Government platform to ensure public participation in the field of Government data, documents and equipments in collaboration with America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the aims and objectives of such platform?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India has jointly developed Open Government Platform (OGPL) with Government of USA.
- (b) The joint development was undertaken in pursuance of the announcement made by Prime Minister of India and President of USA during the Indo-US Open Government Dialogue in 2010.
- (c) The objective of Open Government Platform (OGPL) is to leverage the best practices and features of India's `India.gov.in` and `Data.gov` of USA.