

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:314

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GROWTH OF ICT

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

- (a) whether the benefits of rapid growth of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have not adequately percolated down to the targeted sections of society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) the present status of various ICT enabled schemes / Services in the country including common service centres and the funds released and utilized for these services, scheme/ service-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether any delay has been reported in granting and releasing funds to these schemes and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the initiatives taken for developing strategies for infrastructure development in the ICT sector

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 314 FOR 12.02.20X4 REGARDING GROWTH OF ICT

(a) and (b): The production in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector has grown from Rs.3,72,450 crore in FY 2008-09 to Rs.6,93,036 in FY 2012-13 registering a growth of 86.07%. Similarly, the teledensity has increased from 36.98% in FY 2008-09 to 73.69% in FY 2012-13 registering a growth of 99.27%.

(c): The National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) is an initiative of Government of India which takes holistic view of e-Governance projects in the country. NeGP comprises of 31 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs). Under NeGP, various policy initiatives and projects have been undertaken to develop core and support infrastructure like State Data Centres (SDCs), State Wide Area Networks (SWAN), Common Services Centres (CSCs) National e-Governance Service Delivery Gateway (NSDG), State e-Governance Service Delivery Gateway (SSDG), and Mobile e-Governance Service Delivery Gateway (MSDG) etc. 23 out of 31 MMPs are delivering services fully or partially. 217 services out of 252 planned services are being provided. An average of 20 crore e-transactions per month are being delivered through e-Governance services.

Funds released fore-Governance initiatives for last three years and current FY 2013-14 areas follows:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (till 31.01.2014)	Total released
(in Rs. crore)	(in Rs. crore)	(in Rs. crore)	(in Rs. crore)	(in Rs. crore)
264.15	256.17	416.58	289.00	1225.90

Common Services Centre scheme is one of the 31 Mission Mode Projects of National e-Governance Plan. As on December 31 2013, 128, 724 CSCs are operational across 33 States/ UTs.

Fund Released (in Rs. crore)					Fund Utilised (In Rs. crore)				
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total funds
released		utilized							
21.20	25.76	13.32	15.64	75.92	10.33	5.91	56.62	12.44	85.35#

#Funds utilized also comprises of funds utilized against the funds release before FY 2010-11

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Government of India has undertaken a number of initiatives for developing strategies for infrastructure development in the ICT sector. In this regard, the Government of India approved on the implementation of the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP during May 2006, for introducing e-Governance on a Government wide scale, as a multi-stakeholder program with the core philosophy of centralised planning and decentralized implementation.

SWAN scheme of DeitY provides seamless connectivity upto block level in the States across various Government Departments. The State Data Center (SDC) Scheme provides data storage and cloud enablement to the applications. The National e-Governance Service Delivery Gateway (NSDG) and State Service Delivery Gateway (SSDG) provide seamless interoperability and exchange of data across heterogeneous applications of geographically dispersed Departments. The Mobile Service Delivery Gateway (MSDG) project provides a centralised mobile platform for delivery of mobile based services.