

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MINORITY CYBER GRAM YOJANA
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features and objectives of `Minority Cyber Gram Yojana`;
- (b) whether any minority concentration district has been selected as pilot project for implementing the programme and if so, the details thereof, State/district-wise including Kerala;
- (c) whether any performance audit of the pilot project has been conducted and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether knowledge partners for the project have been pooled from the public sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether stringent measures have been taken/ likely to be taken by the Government to ensure quality parameters the successful implementation of the project while choosing knowledge partners from private sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to make this project a success?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) `Cyber Gram` has been launched as an initiative under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) to provide hands on training in computers to the students of minority communities and enable them to acquire basic Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills; become digitally literate; actively participate in knowledge based activities; access financial, social and government services and use internet for communications. The initiative covers students of Class VI to Class X belonging to notified minority communities residing in minority concentration areas.

(b) A pilot project for `Minority Cyber Gram` was launched in February, 2014 for Digital Literacy in a minority dominated village Chandauli, District Alwar, Rajasthan. The village has about 1300 households. 2600 people (2 per family) including non- minorities in the village were selected for Digital Literacy. The project has been very successful and so far 1613 people have benefited from the programme. After the success of the pilot project, Ministry has mainstreamed the Cyber Gram programme with the scheme of Multi-sectoral Development Programme from 2014-15, and guidelines were issued to all State Governments/ UT Administrations including Kerala on 11th September, 2014. Under the initiative, training of 1,70,005 students of Madarsas of 13 districts of West Bengal has been approved in October, 2014. The district-wise details are annexed. There is no proposal received from Kerala.

(c) Since, the Cyber Gram scheme has been streamlined recently, it has not become ripe for performance audit.

(d) to (f) To assist the Ministry. Common Service Centre (CSC) e-Governance Services India Ltd. of Department of Electronics and Information Technology has been engaged. There is no such proposal to engage knowledge partners from private sector.