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DIGITAL INDIA

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

- (a) the number of internet subscribers in the country separately in rural and urban areas State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of Digital India initiative undertaken by the Government and the time by which the project is slated to be completed;
- (c) the estimated funds required and allocated for the purpose; and
- (d) the details of challenges and hurdles noticed for effective implementation of Digital India initiative and the measures taken by the Government to address them? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The number of internet subscribers in the country separately in rural and urban areas, State/UT-wise (as per TRAI) is given in the table below:

S. Telecom Internet Subscriber base as
No. Service on 31st December 2014
Area (in Millions)

	Rural	Urban	Total
1 Andhra Pradesh	7.58	12.23	19.82
2 Assam	2.44	2.30	4.74
3 Bihar	6.93	6.95	13.88
4 Delhi	1.35	15.94	17.28
5 Gujarat	5.99	11.70	17.69
6 Haryana	2.85	3.07	5.92
7 Himachal Pradesh	1.39	0.98	2.37
8 Jammu & Kashmir	1.76	1.32	3.08
9 Karnataka	4.43	12.74	17.17
10 Kerala	5.23	7.08	12.31
11 Kolkata	1.06	5.86	6.92
12 Madhya Pradesh	4.60	9.24	13.84
13 Maharashtra	8.13	15.98	24.10
14 Mumbai	0.86	12.42	13.27
15 North East	1.60	1.69	3.29
16 Orissa	2.36	3.49	5.86
17 Punjab	4.49	6.62	11.11
18 Rajasthan	5.97	8.39	14.36
19 Tamil Nadu	6.10	16.00	22.10
20 UP (East)	7.85	8.71	16.57
21 UP (West)	4.39	7.18	11.57
22 West Bengal	4.81	5.34	10.15
Total	92.18	175.21	267.39

(b): Government of India is implementing the "Digital India" programme with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy. The programme aims to provide the much needed thrust to certain growth areas, namely broadband highways, access to mobile connectivity, access to public internet, e-Governance, electronic delivery of services and electronic manufacturing. The programme is being coordinated by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) and being implemented by the entire Government. Strengthening Common Service Centres (CSCs) would be integral to the Digital India concept. Government Process Re-engineering (GPR) under this umbrella programme entails reforming government through technology including using IT, electronic databases, workflow automation etc. Electronic delivery of services through E-Kranti focuses on Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) in e-Governance and includes e-Education, e-Healthcare, technology for farmers, technology for security, technology for financial inclusion. Technology for planning through GIS based decision making for project planning, conceptualization, design & development, as well as technology for cyber security are key components of the programme. Online hosting of information and documents, usage of social media and web based platforms to inform citizens, online messaging to citi-

zens on special occasions/programs through emails and SMSes is envisaged. MyGov.in has been launched as a platform to exchange ideas/ suggestions with Government.

Each component under Digital India programme being implemented by the concerned Ministry/Department has specific timelines of its own for completion.

(c): Each component under Digital India programme has fund requirement of its own. For FY 2014-15, Rs. 149 crore has been allocated to Department of Electronics and Information Technology for miscellaneous projects under Digital India programme.

(d): The implementation of Digital India programme is being monitored by a Monitoring Committee on Digital India headed by the Prime Minister, Digital India Advisory Group chaired by the Minister of Communications and IT and an Apex Committee on Digital India chaired by the Cabinet Secretary. Any issues in effective implementation of the Digital India programme are being addressed through the above monitoring mechanism.