

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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EXPANSION OF IT

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

(a) whether any measures are being taken by the Government for expansion of Information Technology (IT) sector in the regional languages in rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of Common Services Centres (CSCs) and Kiosks established in the country and the expenditure incurred in this regard so far, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Government of India has taken the following initiatives for expansion of Information Technology (IT) sector in the regional languages in rural areas of the country:

(i) Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) programme Under the TDIL programme, CDs containing software tools and fonts for 22 constitutionally recognised Indian languages have been made available in public domain through the portal <http://tdil-dc.in>. This has empowered the citizens to use Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in their own languages.

(ii) Programme for Advancing Computer Education (PACE) Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC) evolved the concept of PACE in January 1996. Under this programme, training is provided at the grass root level in diverse areas of computer usage and Information Technology applications in regional languages.

There are a number of courses being offered through the PACE programme such as Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and PG Diploma Courses ranging from 1.5 months to 12 months. These courses are designed in such a way that it can address the needs of a large spectrum of society including students, Government employees as well as unemployed individuals.

(iii) Localisation Projects Management Framework (LPMF) LPMF project envisages to make information on Government websites available to the citizens in their own languages. Under this project, DeitY has entrusted Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) with the responsibility of assisting various Ministries / Departments in localization of the online information of their Mission Mode Projects (MMPs). C-DAC is carrying out this task through the use of a LPMF being developed over a Cloud platform. A portal <http://localization.gov.in> has been launched for dissemination of information and providing basic localization tools and services.

(b) The details of number of Common Services Centres (CSCs) and Kiosks established in the country and the expenditure incurred by Government of India in this regard so far, State/UT-wise is given below:

S. No.	State	Operational CSCs (rural + urban + (Rs. in Lakhs) integrated kiosks) till 31.01.2015	Expenditure till date
1	Andhra Pradesh	4176	2180.02
2	Arunachal Pradesh	200	369.18
3	Assam	3915	4865.74
4	Bihar	8286	3449.71
5	Chhattisgarh	3177	887.95
6	Goa	0	0.24
7	Gujarat	13685	1459.00
8	Haryana	228	699.22
9	Himachal Pradesh	3336	1512.88
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1110	1938.01
11	Jharkhand	4703	1696.34
12	Karnataka	904	3.59
13	Kerala	2004	144.89
14	Madhya Pradesh	13207	3428.76
15	Maharashtra	31281	1432.38
16	Manipur	392	1043.36
17	Meghalaya	227	268.95
18	Mizoram	136	212.21

19	Nagaland	220	371.35
20	Odisha	6390	3259.33
21	Punjab	3569	712.03
22	Rajasthan	7165	2167.57
23	Sikkim	32	165.00
24	Tamil Nadu	1130	733.00
25	Telangana	3499	Included in the figure of Andhra Pradesh
26	Tripura	146	245.54
27	Uttar Pradesh	17922	3895.32
28	Uttarakhand	2085	617.80
29	West Bengal	6337	3359.52
30	Andaman & Nicobar	35	17.77
31	Chandigarh	28	0.00
32	Dadra Nagar Haveli	8	2.22
33	Daman & Diu	1	0.00
34	Delhi	91	0.00
35	Lakshadweep	15	4.63
36	Puducherry	56	6.73
	Total	139696	41150.23