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DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether Government has identified or proposes to identify some blocks in every district under the Digital India Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of blocks identified till date;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any timeframe for achieving the target under the programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives set and achieved so far under the programme?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No, Sir.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Each component under Digital India programme, being implemented by the concerned Ministry/Department, has specific timelines of its own for completion. Some of the achievements are as follows:

Government of India has notified its Email Policy. 10 lakh employees have been already covered in Phase 1 and Phase 2 covering 50 lakh employees is in progress.

Policy on adoption of Open Source Software has been approved for formal adoption and its use in Government organizations.

Beta version of Digital Locker system has been released, which envisages provision of private space on a public cloud to each citizen where he/she can keep public records and can even exchange it for availing various services.

eSign framework has been released, which would allow citizens to digitally sign a document online using Aadhaar authentication.

Jeevan Pramaan portal has been launched. Over 1 lakh pensioners have submitted their life certificate on the portal within 4 months.

eGreetings portal has been launched on 14.8.2014. Over 8 lakh eGreetings have been sent.

e-Sampark database with 60 lakh email addresses and 88 lakh mobile numbers have been created. 87 e-mail campaigns have been carried out so far. Till date, over 10 crore e-mails have been sent on various occasions.

Biometric Attendance System (BAS) has been rolled out in 500 Central Government offices in Delhi with 1.14 lakh employees. In addition, BAS has been rolled out in 1160 Central Government organizations outside Delhi involving 60,000+ employees. BAS has also been rolled out in over half a dozen States across the country.

National Scholarship Portal has been developed as an end to end solution that includes all activities from registration to disbursement of scholarships. It is a single platform through which a student can apply for any centrally funded scheme.

MyGov.in has been implemented as a platform for citizen engagement in governance. The citizens participate in policy and execution through a "Discuss", "Do" and "Disseminate" approach. 25 Groups, 144 discussion themes and 145 tasks have been published. Weekly newsletters are being sent to all registered users (~7.60 lakh) of MyGov.