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AUDIT MECHANISM IN NIC
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanism put in place by the Government for audit of the work of the National Informatics Centre(NIC) and accounting the costs incurred to their Budget;
- (b) the details of the tasks/activities undertaken by NIC for which audit is conducted;
- (c) whether any deficiency/irregularity has been noticed by the auditors in their audit reports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government/NIC thereon?

Answer

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

(a): The Government of India has assigned the work of audit of activities and budget of National Informatics Centre (NIC) to the Director General of Audit, Post and Telecommunications, New Delhi.

(b): The major tasks/ activities undertaken by NIC for providing e-Governance support to the Central Government departments, States/UTs Government Departments and Districts Administrations in the country, for which audit is conducted, are given below:-

network related services for providing internet/Intranet

Data Centre services

Video-Conferencing services

providing e-Governance support for Government to Government (G2G), Government to Business (G2B), Government to Citizen (G2C) and Government to Employees (G2E) services

providing services related to Certifying Authority

(c) and (d): The Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department had carried out performance audit of NIC for the period 2006-11 during July 2011 to May 2012. In their report, the audit has made observations relating to core-infrastructure, informatics services, information systems and application development, human resources development and capacity building, financial management, internal audit and evaluation of financial services. The information and clarifications requested by audit team during the audit period was provided by NIC. However, the final Audit Report is awaited.

Recently, Director General of Audit, Post and Telecommunication has decided to carry out the detailed audit on functioning of NIC covering the five year period 2009-14. Preliminary information requested by the audit team relating to HR management, equipment installed at data centres, installation of VSATs, purchase orders by NIC, softwares operational in the NICNET etc. has been provided by NIC. Their further programme is awaited.