

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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Cyber Gram Project

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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched minority cyber gram project aimed at training the villagers to become Internet Savvy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the project has been shelved by the Government and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government will take necessary steps to revive the minority cyber gram project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to establish more such minority cyber gram projects in other parts of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): 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 Ministry has mainstreamed the Cyber Gram project with the Multi-sectoral Development Programme as a special initiative. Under this initiative students of minority communities are provided hands on training in computers to 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 (Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains) residing in minority concentration areas indentified under Multi-sectoral Development Programme. (MsDP). MsDP being a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the projects are approved on the basis of requirement and proposal received from State/UTs.

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