

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5098
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DIGITAL VILLAGE PILOT PROJECT

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

- (a) the current status of the 'Digital Village Pilot Project' being implemented across the country and the specific number of villages covered in Tamil Nadu especially in Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) the objectives and functions of the 'Digital Village Pilot Project' and the manner in which it aims to benefit rural communities in terms of education, healthcare, governance and economic development;
- (c) the total funds allocated for the Digital Village Pilot Project for Tamil Nadu so far;
- (d) the technological infrastructure provided under the Digital Village initiative including internet connectivity, digital literacy programmes and access to Government services in participating village especially in Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency;
- (e) the timeline for the expansion of the Digital Village Pilot Project; and
- (f) whether there are plans to include more villages in Tamil Nadu in the future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (f): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved 'Digital Village Pilot Project' on 31.10.2018, to provide education services, health services, skill development services, solar powered street lights and financial inclusion services along with government-to-citizen services and business-to-citizen services in **700 villages** (one village from each district of States and Union Territories (UTs)) across the country. The project has been successfully closed w.e.f 31st March, 2024, the achievements of the project is at **Annexure I**. The list of villages in Tamil Nadu covered under the said project is at **Annexure-II**.

Digital Village project on a pilot scale was approved under the Digital India Central Sector Scheme of MeitY, with a revised budget outlay of Rs 86.76 crore.

The project utilized already existing infrastructure such as internet connectivity (BharatNet and other available connectivity) and functional/operational Common Services Center (CSCs) for its

implementation. Moreover, the initiatives under Digital Village Project expanded digital literacy by way of training on digital courses, financial inclusion awareness programme etc.

With rapid expansion of 4G/5G and Digital India Program, all villages in India are getting benefitted.

Annexure-I**Physical achievement**

S.No	Deliverables	Target	Revised Target	Achievement
1	NIELIT-Facilitation Center Registration	700	700	700
2	NIELIT - Basic Computer Course (BCC)	98,000	45,498	45,498
3	NIELIT - Course on Computer Concept (CCC)	49,000	10,178	10,178
4	Tally - Kaushal Praman Patra	7,000	14,000	14,000
5	Basic Course on Information Technology (BCIT)	-	40,600	40,600
6	Tele-consultation (5-consultation in a year)	8,40,000	8,40,000	8,40,000
7	Veterinary Tele-Consultation	2,10,000	2,10,000	2,10,000
8	Financial Inclusion Awareness Program	700	700	700
9	Solar Street Lighting (8-Light per Village)	5,600	5,600	5,600
10	Awareness Campaigning & Training programs	700	700	700
11	Base line survey per House Hold	4,20,000	4,20,000	4,20,000
12	Competitive Exams Training	2,800	2,800	2,800
13	Solid edge fundamental CAD - Siemens	1,400	1,400	1,400
14	Automotive Service Technician (Two-Wheeler) (2 per village)	1,400	1,400	1,400
15	Handset Repair Engineer (2 per village)	1,400	1,400	1,400
16	Field Technician – Home Appliances (2 per village)	1,400	1,400	1,400
17	Electrical Technician (2 per village)	1,400	1,400	1,400

Annexure II**List of villages in TamilNadu covered under Digital Village Pilot project**

S.no	District	Block	Village
1	Ariyalur	Sendurai	Nagalkuzhi
2	Chennai	Ayanavaram	Ayanavaram
3	Coimbatore	Periyanaickenpalayam	Vadavalli
4	Cuddalore	Nallur	Eraiyur
5	Dharamapuri	Pennagaram	Onnapagoundanahalli
6	Dindigul	Dindigul	Adiyanuthu
7	Erode	Erode	Erode
8	Kancheepuram	Sriperumbudur	Vanjuvanchery
9	Kanniyakumari	Munchirai	Painkulam
10	Karur	Aravakurichi	Aravakurichi
11	Krishnagiri	Bargur	Majeethkollahalli
12	Madurai	Madurai North Taluk	Thathaneri
13	Nagapattinam	Nagapattinam	VadakkuPoigainallur
14	Namakkal	Tiruchengode	Kumarapalayam
15	Perambalur	Perambalur	Udumbium
16	Pudukkottai	Aranthangi	Aranthangi
17	Ramanathapuram	Paramakudi	Vendhoni
18	Salem	Mettur	Moolakadu
19	Sivaganga	Sivaganga	Idayamelur
20	Thanjavur	Orathanadu	Vadaseri
21	The Nilgiris	Udhgamandalam	Udhgamandalam
22	Theni	Chinnamanur	Chinnamanur
23	Thiruchirappali	Thiruverambur	Thiruverambur
24	Thiruvallur	Perambur	Kolathur
25	Thiruvannamalai	Thiruvannamalai	Vengikkal
26	Thiruvarur	Thiruvarur	Vilamal
27	Thoothukudi	Thoothukudi	Thoothukudi
28	Tirunelveli	Radhapuram	Tisaiyanvilai
29	Tiruppur	Tiruppur	Thottipalayam
30	Vellore	Walajah	Ranipet
31	Villupuram	Kandamangalam	Kumalam
32	Virudhunagar	Sivakasi	Thiruthangal
