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DHRUVA PROJECT

†597.   SHRI SANATAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether private technology startups have been given the opportunity to participate in the DHRUVA Project and if so, the details of the selection process and the criteria prescribed for selection of said startups;

(b)   whether participation of private startups is likely to boost innovation and promote local technological developments in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c)   whether it is proposed to extend the DHRUVA platform to the Panchayat level and if so, the names of the agencies nominated in this regard along with the estimated impact thereof on rural digital inclusion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a)   The national Digital Address Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) under DHRUVA framework is designed to be an open, interoperable and innovation-friendly ecosystem for digital addressing in India. Any entity, including technology startups, can be a part of this ecosystem.

(b)   Yes, participation of private startups will boost innovation and promote local technological development in the country. Startups can build solutions on top of the DHRUVA Digital Address DPI using the "Address-as-a-Service (AaaS)" model.

(c)   DHRUVA is conceptualized as a nationwide Digital Address DPI without distinguishing between urban and rural areas. Hence, no specific Panchayat-level agencies are nominated. The Digital Address DPI architecture is expected to enhance rural digital inclusion by enabling precise digital addresses, improving service delivery, and supporting rural governance once operational.

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