

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the number of Community Information Centres in Assam;
- (b) whether the Government has plans to increase the number of VSAT stations in Assam;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Department of Information Technology (DIT) has set up 219 Community Information Centres (CICs) providing connectivity through VSATs at Block Headquarters in Assam.

(b),(c) and (d): At present there is no proposal to increase VSATs in Assam as CICs were set up in all the Block Headquarters existing at the time of initiation of project.