

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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E- GOVERNANCE INRURAL SECTOR

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

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- (a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce E-governance in the rural sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to select some rural areas for a pilot launch;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the expenditure involved in this project and the amount allocated; and
- (f) the time by which the same would be introduced?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Government is planning to provide e-governance services alongwith a basket of other private services through ICT enabled Common Services Centres (CSCs) to be established on a sustainable entrepreneur based model. For this purpose, Department of Information Technology(DIT) has prepared draft framework outlining policy, strategy and contours of financial support for rapid proliferation of Common Services Centre (CSCs) across the country. DIT through National Informatics Centre (NIC) has also been providing development support for various e-governance applications relevant to the rural areas. Details are at Annexure.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) and (f): Details are being worked out.