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OPENING OF CYBER CAFE IN VILLAGES
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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 open cyber cafe in villages of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main objective behind such a move; and
- (d) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): Department of Information Technology (DIT) is working on a Plan to establish Information & Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Common Services Centres (CSCs) predominantly in the rural areas across the country. CSCs would have the flexibility to offer a mix of services (both Government and non-Government including localized services) that may be needed by the local community. These CSCs would be promoted on a sustainable entrepreneur - based model supported by the Central and State Governments.

(d): DIT has prepared draft framework outlining policy, strategy and contours of financial support for rapid proliferation of CSCs and is now in the process of preparing a project report for the Common Service Centers scheme. No specific time frame has been fixed for a final decision. However all efforts are being made for an expeditious decision in the matter.