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PROGRESS OF E GOVERNANCE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the progress of major National E-Governance initiative;
- (b) the percentage of progress achieved against the allocations in the year 2003-2004;
- (c) whether Orissa has made substantial progress in the above initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Government set up National Informatics Centre (NIC) in 1975-76 for providing computer based (e-Governance) support to the Central Government Departments. E-Governance support of NIC was extended to State Governments, U T Administrations and Districts Administrations in the country from the year 1984-85.

NIC has established a Nation wide ICT Network (NICNET) with Gateway Nodes in all Central Government Departments (excluding Defence Ministry), State/UT Secretariats (28+7), and about 600 Districts Administrations for ICT Services including Internet, Electronic Mail, and World Wide Web facilities.

NIC has developed many e-Governance applications in the area of Judiciary, Agriculture, Rural Development, Land Records, Transport, Passport Services, Sales Tax, Customs and Excise, Property Registration, Civil Pensions/Social Welfare Pension, Public Grievances, Accounts etc., and these applications are already operational.

The Department of Information Technology has recently initiated a pilot scheme aimed at spreading the benefits of E-Governance to citizens in all parts of the country. One key component of this multi-pronged initiative is to identify and replicate major successes that have been achieved in some states. The specific success stories that have been identified on this basis are:

- Land Records
- Transport Department
- Registration
- Municipalities
- Gram Panchayats
- Integrated Citizen Service Centers (front ends like e-Seva, Friends, etc.)

Each of these projects has been implemented very successfully in one or more states. However, most other states, for various reasons, have not been able to cross implementation hurdles and derive the benefits of these projects. The Department of Information Technology has therefore formulated a strategy to replicate these successes in other states. In the first phase, projects on Land Records, Transport and Registration have been taken. The essential elements of this strategy are to build capability to horizontally transfer the recipe for success from the successful to the not-so-successful States.

DIT jointly with Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DAR&PG) has prepared National Action Plan on e-Governance which has the following major components:

- I) Core E-Projects
- II) Core Infrastructure

- III) Integrated Services Projects
- IV) Support Infrastructure
- V) Core Policies
- VI) Human Resource Development/ Training
- VII) Technical Assistance
- VIII) Awareness & Assessment
- IX) Organisations Structures (NEGC, NISG, State EGCs, EG Standards Institutions, NIC)
- X) R&D.

Government has in principle accorded endorsement to the National e-Governance Action Plan for its overall programme content, implementation approach and governance structures.

(b): Department of Information Technology has utilized an amount of Rs. 41.8 cores against budget allocation of Rs. 40.50 cores in the year 2003-04 for the e-Governance. Similarly NIC has utilized an amount of Rs. 199.3 crores as against an allocation of Rs. 201.7 crores during 2003-04.

(c) and (d): Major e-Governance projects implemented in the state of Orissa include:

- Land Records Computerisation.
- Water and Sewerage Billing.
- Natural Calamity Management Information System.
- Property Registration.
- Treasury Computerisation.
- Computerisation of Driving Licence and Vehicle Registration Software (Sarathi).
- RuralSoft.
- PriaSoft.
- Budget Computerisation.
- Passport Office Computerisation.
- Agmarknet.