

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF RURAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the government has any proposal to set up Rural Information Technology Network in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Government has formulated a draft scheme to create an enabling environment facilitating the roll out of 100,000+ internet enabled Common Service Centres, primarily in rural areas. These Centres are expected to provide a mix of Government and other private services at the doorstep of the citizen and would also enable rural citizens to access the internet.

(c): No decision has been taken by the Government in the matter so far.