

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

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IT KIOSKS 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 allocate more than Rs.200 crore for IT kiosks in villages in the country ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) The details of the action plan contemplated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) : The Government has recently approved a Scheme for providing support for establishing 100,000 broadband, Internet enabled, Common Service Centres (CSCs) in rural areas of the country. The Scheme has been approved at a total cost of Rs. 5742 crores over 4 years, of which the Government of India is estimated to contribute Rs.856 crore and the State Governments Rs.793 crores. The balance resources would be mobilized from the private sector.

(b) : The CSCs would be established in a ratio of 1 CSC for every 6 census villages in a State.

(c) : The detailed guidelines for implementation of the Scheme have been approved by the Government and the same may be seen at the website www.mit.gov.in. The Scheme will be implemented in a Public Private Partnership.