

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BROADBAND INTERNET ENABLED SERVICE CENTRES

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

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- (a) : Whether the Union Government proposes to open Broadband Internet Enabled Service Centres in the country ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether all rural areas proposed to be covered under the same ;
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor ;
- (e) The estimated amount likely to be spent in this regard ;
- (f) Whether the Government proposes to invite private sector's participation in this regard ;
- (g) If so, the details thereof; and
- (h) The time by which the centres are likely to be opened ?

Answer

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

(a)to (h) : 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. The Scheme will be implemented over a period of 4 years. Preparatory steps for Scheme implementation have already been initiated. The Government of India is estimated to contribute Rs.856 crore and the State Governments Rs.793 crores,of the total cost of the Scheme. The balance resources would be mobilized from the private sector. The Scheme is specifically designed to be implemented as a Public Private Partnership. The detailed guidelines of the Scheme have been approved and are accessible at the Department of Information Technology's website namely www.mit.gov.in.