

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

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SETTING UP OF KNOWLEDGE/ VILLAGE KNOWLEDGE CENTRES

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

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- (a) Whether the Government had proposed to set up Knowledge Centres/Village Knowledge Centres based on broadband connectivity in 6,00,000 villages by 2007;
- (b) If so, the details therefor, State-wise particularly in the North-Eastern Region ;
- (c) The target fixed and achievements to be made thereby under the Mission-2007 ; and
- (d) The number of employment opportunities to be created as a result of it ?

**Answer**

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

(a) : No, Sir. The Government however, has 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 in September 2006. These centers would provide Government and private services at the doorstep of the citizen. The CSCs would be set up through a Public Private Partnership.

(b) : The CSCs would be established in a ratio of 1 CSC for every 6 census villages in a State, as per the guidelines of the CSC Scheme. The detailed guidelines of the CSC Scheme. The detailed guidelines of the Scheme are accessible at [www.mit.gov.in](http://www.mit.gov.in). As per the norm of establishing 1 CSC per 6 Census villages, a total of 7031 CSCs would be established in the North Eastern States, including Sikkim.

(c) : Mission 2007 is primarily a non Government initiative. However, since the Mission 2007 objectives and the objectives of the CSC Scheme have a commonality, the Government has been associated with Mission 2007. No targets have been fixed by the Government under Mission 2007. Under the CSC Scheme, the Government would facilitate the establishment of CSCs and provide support to them over a period of four years, after they are established. The Scheme has been approved by the Government in September, 2006.

(d) : It is estimated that each CSC would generate employment opportunities for 3 persons. Based on the same, it is estimated that CSCs would generate 300,000 employment opportunities across the country.