

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

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E- DISHA EKARL SEVA KENDRA  
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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 for establishment of 'E-Disha Ekal Seva Kendras' under Common Services Centres (CSCs) scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the role of SCA (Service Center Agency) in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): 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. These Centres would be opened in the ratio of 1 CSC for every 6 census villages in a State. These Centres would provide a mix of Government and private Services in rural areas. The Scheme is to be implemented in a public private partnership. The full details of the Scheme are available in the CSC guidelines which are accessible at [www.mit.gov.in](http://www.mit.gov.in).

(c): The Service Centre Agency is a private entity loosely analogous to a franchiser which would operate, manage and build the VLE network and business. An SCA would be identified to manage the CSC business for one or more districts in a State (one district would cover 100-200 CSCs). The full details of the role of the SCA are available in the CSC guidelines which are accessible at [www.mit.gov.in](http://www.mit.gov.in)