

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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OPEN GOVERNMENT PLATFORM  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has launched an open Government platform to ensure public participation in the field of Government data, documents and equipment etc. in the country; and

(b) if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Open Government Data initiative of India was launched in compliance with the National Data Sharing & Accessibility Policy (NDSAP), which was notified on 17th March, 2012. NDSAP was formulated to provide an enabling provision and platform for proactive and open access to the data generated through public funds by various Ministries/Departments/ Organisations of Government of India.

Open Government Data (OGD) Platform has been developed to implement NDSAP, which envisages proactive dissemination of government datasets in open formats for public consumption through the platform at <http://data.gov.in>.

The beta version, called `Data Portal India` was opened to public use in October 2012 and subsequently, rechristened as Open Government Data Platform with enhanced features and functionalities to provide better user experience to both data providers & data consumers.

Currently, 63 Central Government departments and 7 State Government departments have hosted over 9,300 datasets on the OGD Platform.