1. Applications for PM Awards were received from 1st to 25th January 2017 through the PM Awards portal. In January, Department conducted a series of Video Conferences with the Chief Secretaries of the State/UT Governments and Collectors of Districts, motivating them for making applications under Prime Ministers Civil Services Award. Due to the concerted efforts, 1515 applications have been received for priority programmes from 599 Districts. Response has also been very encouraging for ‘Innovation’ category, under which 830 applications have been received from the Central/ State organisations & Districts. Nominations for this category in past have averaged at about 160 applications only.

2. The DARPG and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology in association with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh had organized the 20th National e-Governance Conference at Vishakhapatnam on 9-10th January, 2017. The main theme of the Conference was “Digital Transformation”. The conference was inaugurated by Shri Chandrababu Naidu, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in the august presence of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information & Broadcasting; Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions; and Shri Y. S. Chowdary, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences. In the concluding session of the conference on 10.01.2017, e-Governance awards were distributed by Shri P. P. Chaudhary, Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology to the champions of the initiatives from the Central Government Ministries/Departments and the State/UT Governments, who had excelled in the field of e-Governance during the year 2015-16. 20 Awards in 12 different categories were given away.

2.1 During the Conference panel discussions were also organized on the following ‘sub-themes’:-
(i) Internet of Things (IOT) and Data Analytics.
(ii) Cyber Security policy for the future.
(iii) Digital Connectivity to the last mile.
(iv) Technology led monetary transactions leading to financial inclusion.

2.2 The President (NASSCOM), Chairman (UIDAI), the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications (DOT), captains of the IT Industry, representatives of Financial Institutions and other senior officials of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology & DOT and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh actively
participated in the discussions. It is expected that the lessons learnt during the panel discussions will go a long way in carrying forward the agenda of ‘digital transformation’ in the country.

3. DAR&PG is regularly conducting review meetings on implementation of e-office with all Central Ministries/Departments’. Progress in implementation of e-office is as follows:

(i) Number of e-files has risen by 15000 (approximately) during the month.
(ii) 11 Ministries/Departments have successfully completed e-office implementation in its entirety.
(iii) 55 Ministries/Departments have shown improvement trends in creation of e-files.
(iv) The number of Ministries/Departments who are under the process of finalizing their date of migration to e-Office platform has reduced from seven to five.

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