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### 'Mee Seva' centres launched to facilitate CTS

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Five 'Mee Seva' (Common Service Centres) were launched in the district to provide banking services especially to facilitate the Central government's Cash Transfer Scheme.

Information Technology and Services Minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah has launched the centres here on Saturday at Narlapur, Kamalapur, Lingapuram, Agapet, and Fateshpur villages here for the first time in Andhra Pradesh.

The centres were approved by State Bank of India to act as Bank Correspondent Agents (BCAs).

As on date, 200 CSCs were activated as SBI-BCAs across India and another 4,000 will be activated by April 30 across the nation, the Minister said. In AP, the centres in coordination with various banks would be increased.

The government has mapped 229 CSCs and received 11 kiosk operator codes and activated five CSCs in Warangal.

Speaking to newsmen here, the Minister said that the CSCs in five other districts Ananthapur, Chittoor, East Godavari, Hyderabad and Rangareddy would be launched on a pilot basis by April 1 2013. He said that the government was planning to convert 5,600 'Mee Seva' centres functioning across the state into common service centres.

By the end of 2013 about 6,000 centres would be set up. Referring to the complaints of malfunctioning of computer servers, Mr. Lakshmaiah said steps were being taken to address such problems. District Collector Rahul Bojja, joint collector P.S. Pradyumna and others were present.