

this because it is a very important issue  
(*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER Question No 477

[*Translation*]

**Computer Literacy and Studies**

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\*477 DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH  
SHAKYA  
SHRI JAGMIT SINGH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-  
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to  
state

(a) whether a scheme for Computer  
Literacy and Studies in Schools was launched  
in 1984,

(b) if so, the number of schools where  
this project was launched,

(c) the expenditure incurred so far of  
its implementation,

(d) the number of schools where this  
scheme is still continuing, and

(e) whether the Government propose to  
seek the cooperation of private sector in this  
regard?

\*[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-  
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN  
SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) In 1984-85 248 schools were  
covered

(c) Rs 38.34 crores

(d) 2598 schools

(e) In the Review of the Project a ques-  
tion has arisen whether setting up an inte-

grated input delivery system by involving  
agencies in the private sector having exper-  
tise in Computer Education would result in a  
more effective implementation of the Proj-  
ect. The issue is being examined and no final  
decision has been taken

DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA  
Mr Speaker, Sir, while launching the pilot  
project regarding computer education in  
1984-85 the Government had announced  
that this project would be implemented in this  
entire country. However, the date furnished  
by the Hon. Minister in this regard State that  
merely 248 schools have been covered under  
this project and a total amount of Rs 38.34  
crores has been incurred on it. Mr Speaker,  
Sir, in this context, I would like to know from  
the hon. Minister the number of schools  
statewise and district wise which have been  
covered under it and the number of students  
statewise who are receiving computer edu-  
cation in these schools.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH Sir, I can give  
information in this regard, provided a sepa-  
rate notice is given for it.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

**Rise in Prices of Books**

\*472 SHRI UTTAMRAO DEORAO  
PATIL  
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been a steep rise  
in the prices of academic books,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,