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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Information Technology Department has proposed to ensure 2 mbps connectivity for Universities, Engineering Colleges and medical colleges in the country under Education and Research Network; and

(b) if so, the number of Universities, Engineering colleges and medical colleges in Karnataka proposed to be provided with 2 mbps connectivity by December 31, 2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MA

(a) and (b): Ministry of Information Technology is in the process of developing a project - Gyan Vahini Network for upgradation of Information Technology infrastructure at the higher learning institutions in the country. The project is proposed to be implemented in two phases of three years duration each. In the first phase of the project, IT infrastructure at all the Central / State Government funded Universities, Colleges (Engineering, Medical, Dental and Degree) and Polytechnics, including those in Karnataka would be upgraded. These institutions will be provided Internet connectivity of minimum 2 Mbps through Education & Research Network (ERNET), the Education & Research Network, operated under the aegis of Ministry of Information Technology.