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INTERNET BASED EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop multilingual internet technology and websites to make available internet based education; and

(b) if so, initiatives taken by the Government in this regard alongwith likely results thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): For multilingual Internet technologies, various sub- systems/components of the language technology are being developed at all the thirteen Resource Centres for Indian language Technology Solutions, at IIT, Kanpur (Hindi and Nepali), IIT Mumbai (Marathi & Konkani), IIT Guwahati (Assamese), ISI Kolkata (Bengali), Anna University Chennai (Tamil), Hyderabad University (Telugu), Electronics Research and Development Centre of India (ER&DCI) Thiruvananthapuram (Malayalam), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore (Kannada & Sanskrit), Utkal University & OACB Bhubaneswar (Oriya), TIE Patiala (Punjab), Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Pune (Urdu, Sindhi and Kashmir). For Internet based education, Department of Information Technology focus on supporting courseware development, instructional design, and e-learning tools. These Centres are at National Centre for Software Technology (NCST) Mumbai, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, IIT Delhi, BITS Pillani, IIT Kanpur, C-DAC Hyderabad and Jadavpur University.