

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the proposals submitted by Kerala regarding assistance for I.T. facilitated education in Schools and colleges and establishment of Regional Centre of Media labs in Kerala and integrated-tele-health, I.T. facilitated education and network services for Lakshadweep Island have been examined by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the Government propose to issue the sanction for the project and release funds?

Answer

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

(a),(b) and (c): The Government of Kerala had submitted proposals entitled:

- 1) IT facilitated Education in schools and colleges.
- 2) Integrated Tele Health, IT facilitated Education and Network Services for Lakshdweep Islands.
- 3) Pilot Telehealth and Medical Informatics Initiative in Kerala.

With regard to proposal (1) they have submitted a proposal entitled, 'Media and Information Centre for Education (MICE) for the Development of e-Learning solutions and e-Learning Communities Management - A proposal to establish MICE as a Regional Centre under the Media Lab Asia Initiative'. This proposal is being considered by the Media Lab Asia along with other proposals. As regards proposals (2) and (3) above, the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune has already developed a Tele Medicine Software under a major project funded by Department of Information Technology (DIT). As such, it was felt that the Tele Health portion of these two projects can be quickly implemented if entrusted to C-DAC. This decision was conveyed to Government of Kerala, who have agreed with this approach, C-DAC is already working on the details in consultation with Government of Kerala. As far as the Tele Education part of the two projects (Sr.No.2 & 3 above) is concerned it was decided to bifurcate this into separate project proposals to be implemented by IITM-K and communicated to Government of Kerala. These project proposals are being prepared by the implementing agencies viz. C-DAC and IITM-K as soon as the revised proposals are received, the same will be processed for approval and release of funds.