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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Ministry of Information Technology goes to school` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated July 11,2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Ministry of Information Technology is supporting national initiative in online learning or e-learning. E-learning is applicable for a variety of contexts such as higher education especially IT education, continuing education, up-gradation of the skills of teachers, school education etc. Ministry of Information Technology has set up a Resource Centre at National Centre for Software Technology, Mumbai and has also supported a few other development projects. The objective is to tap the full potential of this technology in the country as well as for addressing global markets. This Ministry has spent approx. Rs.6.08 crores on this initiative so far and is promoting efforts in academia, research institutions and industry.