GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government is aware that a large number of universities and colleges still have no information and communication technology facilities for teaching and training purposes;
- (b) If so, whether the Government are providing some financial assistance as a supplement to various universities for this purpose;
- (c) If so, the details thereof alongwith the assistance provided during the last three years, university-wise; and
- (d) The steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make provision of information and communication technology facilities in all universities/ colleges throughout the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINTSTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATM1)

(a) to (d) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission

(UGC), the Commission has assisted a large number of universities and college for providing information and communication technology facilities for teaching and training purposes. The UGC has also

assisted various universities for establishment of Computer Centres. The details of assistance provided to eligible universities for this purpose is enclosed (Annexure-I). Besides, a large number of colleges have been assisted for equipping them with the computer facilities.

The UGC has launched a scheme to interlink all the eligible universities in the country electronically under UGC-Infonet scheme. The UGC has provided financial assistance to 150 universities under UGC-Infonet scheme. The details of assistance for 2002-03 and 2003-04 is enclosed (Annexure-II.)