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

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(a) the details of the Vidya Vahini project for ensuring an effective education technology system;

(b) the number of schools identified for the project, State- wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation in this regard from the Kerala Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): The Programme `Vidya Vahini` was conceived by the Department of Information Technology as a pilot project to make full use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Internet to transform learning environment from mono-dimensional to multi-dimensional. The pilot project has been implemented in 140 Govt./Govt. aided schools in the following 7 districts in 6 States in the country:

i) Kuppam (Chittoor), Andhra Pradesh
ii) Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
iii) Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
iv) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
v) Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
vi) South 24 Parganas (Kolkata), West Bengal
vii) Parlivaijnath (Beed), Maharashtra

20 Govt./Govt. aided schools were selected in each of the 7 districts. In each district one training lab has also been set up in one of the schools covered in the pilot project, for training the teachers in the use of ICT in education.
(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.