## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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ICT AT SCHOOLS
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## Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing information and Communication Technology Scheme in schools since 2004;
- (b) if so, the number of schools so far covered under the scheme;
- (c) whether in a bid to further improve information and communication technology (ICT), the Government has approved a revised scheme of ICT to benefit 1.5 crore students in 1.08 lakh secondary and senior secondary schools;
- (d) if so, the ratio of expenditure likely to be shared by the Union Government and the States in this regard;
- (e) whether schools covered under this scheme are not getting the desired results;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to implement the scheme in true letter and spirit?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): 58496 schools have so far been approved for coverage under the scheme "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools".
- (c): The scheme has been revised so as to enable coverage of all Government and Government-aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the country.
- (d): For the revised scheme, the sharing pattern between Central Government and the State Governments is in the ratio of 75:25 except for north-eastern States, for which the ratio is 90:10.
- (e) to (g): There is no such report with the Government. At present, the scheme envisages limited provision of 10 PCs alongwith internet connectivity and training of teachers in schools. Monitoring is an integral part of the scheme. State Governments implement the scheme and can do mid-course correction based on need.