

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1064
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ONE LAPTOP PER CHILD
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the Kerala Government has forwarded a proposal to the Union Government for the implementation of One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) scheme;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of the project;
- (c) whether the Union Government has considered the request of the Kerala Government; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the amount is likely to be released for this project to the Kerala Government?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Kerala has sent a proposal for provision of laptops in schools of Kerala, with an estimated cost of Rs. 70.00 crore.

(c) and (d): The proposal was considered and the State Government was informed that all Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the State of Kerala had already been covered under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools" and as per the guidelines of the scheme, it would not be possible to provide any further assistance to the schools in the State under the scheme.