

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

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NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a national knowledge network is being built in the country;
- (b) if so, the broad objectives of these initiatives and the benefits that are going to be accrued from this exercise;
- (c) whether our universities and libraries would be connected under the proposed network;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/U.T.-wise;
- (e) whether any financial allocation has been made during the current financial year for the purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): Government has approved a Project on 25.3.2010 for setting up of the National Knowledge Network (NKN). NKN is to be implemented by National Informatics Center (NIC), Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology. The objective of the NKN is to interconnect all Universities, Libraries, Laboratories, Hospitals and Agricultural Institutions to share data and resources across the country over the high speed information network. NKN will facilitate creation, acquisition and sharing of knowledge resources among the large participating institutions in the country. It will bridge the existing knowledge gap in the country. It will help the country evolve as a Knowledge Society and spur economic activities in the Knowledge domain. The outlay approved for the project is Rs.5990 crore over a time frame of 10 years. For the financial year 2009-10 an amount of Rs. 240 crore has been released. An amount of Rs.100 crore has been provisioned for the year 2010-11.