

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AWARENESS OF SCIENCE EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to make students aware about the new technologies and inculcate interest in science education right from the primary education onwards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 recommends that at the primary stage, the child should be introduced to science and social science through the integrated subject of 'Environmental studies'. The Centrally sponsored scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) encourages States to appoint teachers for Science and Mathematics at the upper primary stage. Under the centrally sponsored scheme "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan", assistance is provided to the States to improve science laboratories in secondary schools. The objectives of the centrally sponsored scheme "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools" include provision of ICT infrastructure in secondary and higher secondary schools to enable use of ICT as a tool to improve the quality of teaching learning process and also to improve competency of students to use ICT.

(c): Separate funds are not allocated by this Ministry to make students aware of the new technologies and to inculcate interest in science education. These objectives are achieved through various schemes and programmes of both the Central Government and the State Governments.