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3G AND WI-FI SERVICES TO STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided 3G and Wi-Fi Broadband services to the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to provide the same facility to other universities in the country; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided to other universities?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, the University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) wherein a closed user group (CUG) facility with 3G connectivity and Wi-Fi Broadband services to the University staff and students would allow them to access research based resources through the JNU LAN and general browsing through their own access points. The users (students and staff) would pay for their access through a discounted plan with a provision for periodic review.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. The University Grants Commission, however, under the scheme of establishing/ upgrading computer centers in the University, provides financial assistance to Universities to set up a computer centre as a central facility for the growth and development of teaching, research and other related activities.