

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTER EDUCATION TO MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme launched for providing computer and information technology education for youths of minority community to enable to them to search for better jobs;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allotted to each State for this scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the list of such educational institutions earmarked for this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

- (a) and (b) No Madam, a scheme exclusively to provide computer and information technology education to youths of minority communities has not been launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. However, under the Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the persons belonging to minority communities, institutions have been selected, inter-alia, for imparting such coaching/training. Under this scheme, beside providing financial assistance to the selected coaching/training institutes, stipend is also given to the students. Further details of the scheme are available on the website of the Ministry www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.
- (c) The funds are released directly to the institutions and not through states. An institution may also be catering to needs of candidates of more than one state. However, state-wise amount released for computer and information technology education, based on the location of the institutes, is at Annex-I.
- (d) There is no system of earmarking of educational institutions for the scheme. Eligible institutes are selected in accordance with the provisions in the guidelines.