

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

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BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE TO SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide broadband internet services to schools, colleges and universities with the objective of providing quality education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of institutions in different states which have been provided such facilities during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the time by which said services are likely to be provided fullfledgedly in suitable institutions and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Under the centrally sponsored scheme called "Information and Communication Technology in Schools", financial assistance is provided to the States /UTs inter- alia, to procure computers, computer infrastructure and internet connectivity, for coverage of government and government aided secondary and higher secondary schools. Such financial assistance has so far been provided for coverage of 79202 schools. The State wise break-up of number of schools covered in the last 3 years and the current year is annexed.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT)", internet connectivity to cover 18000 colleges, including each of the Departments of the 419 universities/deemed universities and institutions of national importance is envisaged. About 226 Universities have been connected so far. About 10465 colleges have also been connected through Virtual Private Network (VPN).

(d) There is a provision of Rs.6000/- crore for the scheme "ICT in schools" during the 11th Plan. Similarly, the current plan provision for the scheme NMEICT is Rs.4612/- crore. The pace of implementation of the schemes depends, inter-alia, on the proposals received from the States/institutions.