

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:149

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2011

ICT IN SCHOOL

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether any Centrally sponsored scheme has been introduced for promoting Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation with regard to the allocation of funds and implementation of the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the further steps taken/being contemplated by the Government for popularising ICT-enabled learning and computer education in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 BY SHRI JAYWANTRAO AWALE AND SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL REGARDING ICT IN SCHOOLS FOR ANSWER ON 10.8.2011.

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools` is being implemented since December 2004 (revised in 2010) to promote computer enabled learning and the usage of ICT in Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools for enriching the teaching learning process and to enable the students to acquire skills needed for the digital world. Financial assistance is provided for ICT infrastructure, including internet connectivity, salary of teachers, capacity building of teachers through training, and development of appropriate e-content for ICT - aided teaching and learning. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a provision of Rs. 50 lakh per district for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) has been earmarked since 2008-09.

(c) & (d): The Department has not undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of the allocation of funds and the implementation of the scheme. However, the Project Monitoring & Evaluation Group (PMEG) constituted for the scheme, reviews and evaluates the implementation of the scheme at the national level when the annual Computer Education Plans (CEPs) proposals from the States/UTs are considered. An amount of Rs. 1150 crores has been allocated for implementation of the ICT scheme during the period 2007-08 to 2010-11 and a sum of Rs. 1108.63 crores has been utilized by the States/UTs till 31.3.2011. State Governments and UT Administrations have been requested to undertake third party evaluation of the implementation of the scheme in their respective States/ UTs.

(e): A draft National Policy of ICT at Schools has been developed and has been placed on the Department's web site for public comments. A National Award for Innovative Practices in ICT has been initiated since 2009-10 in which all States and Centrally managed educational institutions participate to recognise teachers for innovations and excellence in understanding ICT and applying it to solve educational problems. The Department is organizing a workshop to share best practices of ICT usage for participants from all State Governments.