

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) the number of rural/urban students benefited under the centrally sponsored scheme information and Communication Technology (ICT) during the last three years including the current year alongwith the future targets in this regard; and

(b) the details of the poor and SC/ST/OBC students benefited under this scheme?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During the last three years, including the current year 1.76 crore students have been benefited in 86,281 schools approved for coverage under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Information and Communication (ICT) in Schools`. Funds are released to the State Governments based on the Computer Education Plans received from the State Governments and no separate funds are earmarked or release to rural and urban schools. Till last financial year no specific funds have been earmarked separately for poor, SC, ST and OBC students. However, from the current financial year, a sum of Rs. 9061.00 lakhs for coverage of SC students and Rs.4860.64 lakhs for ST students has been earmarked separately. Financial assistance has been released in the current financial year for coverage of 85813 SC students and 8555 ST students so far.