

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

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DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL LAPTOP COMPUTERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is distributing the small laptop computers to the students in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for receiving the said computer by the students, alongwith the amount allotted by the Government for this project;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend it to all over India;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) aims to leverage the potential of ICT in providing high-quality, personalized and interactive knowledge modules over the internet in any-time, any-where mode. To do so, a computing device that was low in cost but rich in features, was seen as an imperative. In the XI Plan, under NMEICT, there is a provision of Rs. 700 crore for providing 50% subsidy to colleges and universities all over India for procuring computing devices like "Aakash" as per their requirements. These colleges and universities could then issue these devices to students from the library on the pattern of the Book Bank Scheme.