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NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of the National Knowledge Network;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent in this regard so far, State-wise;
- (c) the number of institutes connected so far and the number of institutes proposed to be connected during the current year; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a): As of November 2011, a total 554 links of the National Knowledge Network (NKN) have been allocated, out of which 450 links to Institutions have been commissioned and made operational. 43 virtual classrooms have been setup.
- (b): Total funds allocated so far is Rs. 1912 cr. out of which an amount of Rs 1868 cr has been released till date. National Knowledge Network (NKN) is a single network spanning the country connecting various institutions of higher learning and National R&D labs. NKN consists of components like national backbone, data centers, model projects etc. There is no state-wise allocation.
- (c): As of November 2011, 450 links to Institutions have been commissioned and made operational. A total of 650 Institutions proposed to be connected to NKN by the end of current year.
- (d): The Government of India approved the establishment of the National Knowledge Network (NKN) in March 2010 to be implemented by NIC over a period of 10 years.