

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

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AAKASH TABLETS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to get Aakash 2 tablets manufactured for supply to college students/secondary level school children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to give this order to a Public Sector Undertaking;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Aakash 2 is likely to be fully indigenous and may be available to students at a nominal rate; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time table chalked out for the manufacture and supply of these tablets?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Regarding the proposal for manufacturing of Aakash 2 tablets, things are in realm of conceptualisation. So far, no formal decision has been taken in this regard.
- (c) & (d) Activities of this nature require active collaboration between Public Sector and Private Sector organisations and hence it is premature to be definitive
- (e) & (f) Full indigenisation in a short time frame is difficult. Availability of Aakash 2 or their enhanced versions to students through libraries of their institutions may be a possibility. As the XI Plan is nearing an end, it is premature to provide a time table.