

**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 urban/rural students who benefited from the Centrally sponsored ``Information and Communication Technology(ICT) in Schools`` scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the funds released under the scheme during the above period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the funds allocated for the purpose are not being utilised by the concerned departments;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bring in improvements in the application of ICT in schools?

Answer

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

- (a) Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) funds are released to State Governments based on the Computer Education Plans received from the State Governments. This Ministry has approved the coverage of 96055 schools and 1.78 crore students (both rural and urban) under the Scheme in the last three years including the current year. No separate funds are earmarked or released to rural or urban schemes.
- (b) A statement indicating the details of State-wise funds released during the last three years and the current year is enclosed.
- (c) & (d) The States /UTs are utilizing the funds released under the scheme. In case of unspent funds with States/UTs, the same is being taken up periodically to either expedite the utilization of funds released or refund the same. Regular meetings with States/UTs are being held to sort out the problems, if any.
- (e) On the basis of experience gained, the ICT @ Schools scheme was revised in January, 2010 in order to incorporate the emerging changes in the ICT field.