

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SKYPE COMPUTER PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme for providing skype computer programmes for free-teaching of children in rural areas in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which each village in the country is proposed to be provided the facility of computer programmes and the amount of funds proposed to be allocated for the said purpose?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Skype is a tool/ medium of one-to-one communication with the help of internet connectivity. The teacher, the curricular resources and the range of teaching-learning materials are expected to play a facilitating role. This Ministry provides infrastructural and other support to set up computer labs in schools. Further, as an integral part of learning management systems (e-Gyan Kosh of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) or sakshat of National Mission on Education-Information Communication Technology) and as stand alone video lectures (Indian Institute of Technology, Consortium for Educational Communication-University Grants Commission and IGNOU) broadcast on Gyan Darshan and on the internet, the technique of e-teaching has been explored.

(c) The unit of target for providing funds to build infrastructure and capacity for computer labs at secondary stage under the Information Communication Technology in School Scheme is the school and at primary stage under Sarve Shiksha Abhiyan it is the District. Under the ICT in School Scheme an amount of Rs. 6.4 lakh (non recurring) and Rs. 2.7 lakh (recurring) is provided per school at secondary stage. The sharing pattern is 75:25 between Centre and State except for North East States including Sikkim where the ratio is 90:10. Under Computer Aided Learning programme an amount of Rs. 50 lakh is provided per District.