

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMART SCHOOLS

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

- (a) the percentage of Government schools where computer aided education is being provided and the number of such schools, State-wise;
- (b) the salient features of the scheme to convert Government schools to a smart format-complete with internet, camcorders, digital cameras and projects- to keep students abreast of the latest technology;
- (c) the present status of the aforesaid proposal and the number of smart schools opened so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred/likely to be incurred thereon and the share of the State Governments therein?

Answer

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

- (a) So far 49.37% of Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary schools were approved for coverage to impart computer aided education under Information and Communication Technology in Schools Scheme. The State- wise list of number of schools approved including Smart Schools may be seen at Annexure I .
- (b) Smart schools concept has already been extended to 31 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 33 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. Under the existing Information Communication Technology in School Scheme as against the target of setting up of 150 more such schools, this Ministry has approved for coverage of 63 Smart School so far. The Smart School are being established in the Districts by conversion of one of the existing State Government schools, to serve as role model and to share the infrastructure and resources with the neighbourhood schools also. In Smart schools, the emphasis is not only on the use of Information Technology but also on the use of skills and values that are important in the next millennium. A grant of Rs.25 lakh (non recurring) and Rs.2.5 lakhs (recurring) is provided per Smart school under the Scheme.
- (c) 63 Smart schools have been approved by Project Monitoring & Evaluation Group (PMEG), Ministry of Human Resource Development so far. State-wise details of Smart Schools may be seen at Annexure – II.
- (d) An amount of Rs.1732.5 lakh has been approved for establishment of 63 Smart Schools out of which Rs.243.75 lakh has been released as Central share for establishment of 49 Smart schools so far. Funds were not released to other 14 Smart Schools approved due to pending Utilisation Certificates/ Progress Report for earlier releases / non submission of budget provisions by States. The project cost is shared between Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25 except for the NER states including Sikkim where it is 90:10.