

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

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AUTONOMOUS AUTHORITY FOR IMPROVEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is using any technology for improving the education sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to constitute an autonomous authority for improving higher education system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Sir, the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) envisaged as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to leverage the potential of ICT, in teaching and learning process for the benefit of all the learners in Higher Education Institutions in any time any where mode has two major components:

- (i) providing connectivity, along with provision for access devices, to institutions and learners;
- (ii) Content generation.

Further, ICT at School Scheme was launched in December, 2004 and revised in 2010 to promote Computer Education and usage of ICT in teaching in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

(c) to (e) The Government has also introduced the Higher Education and Research Bill, 2011 in the Rajya Sabha on 28.12.2012 for determination, coordination and maintenance of standard in Higher Education through the National Council for Higher Education Research (NCHER).