

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:580
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COMPUTER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government and Government-aided Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in the country which have not been covered under the schemes of "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools" and "Computer Aided Learning (CAL)", State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to cover all such schools under the above mentioned schemes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the target fixed for coverage of the above schools under the said schemes; and
- (e) the action plan chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 580 BY SHRI JAYWANTRAO AWALE REGARDING COMPUTER EDUCATION:

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools, Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools are covered for imparting computer literacy and computer enabled education. The scheme provides for hardware/required infrastructure in schools, establishment of Smart schools to act as technology demonstrators, teacher related interventions including capacity enhancement of all teachers in ICT, national ICT awards, and support for e-content development. Out of the total of 1,90,643 schools (as per Statistics of School Education 2009-10), 94,752 schools have so far been covered under the Scheme. State-wise details are at Annexure I

Sarva Shiksha Abhyan (SSA) provides innovation fund for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) to maximize coverage in upper primary schools with special emphasis on Science and Mathematics. Hardware, software, training, maintenance and resource support, if required, may be included in this component. Under SSA, Rs. 50 lakh is available to each district every year for strengthening CAL in schools to support enhancement of children's learning. Activities include providing computer equipment or labs to schools, development of curriculum based e learning materials in local languages, and training of teachers in computer use. State-wise details showing coverage of CAL under SSA for the period upto 2010-11 is at Annexure II

(b) to (e) The ICT in Schools scheme is intended to cover all the Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools subject to availability of funds. Under SSA, each district plans for CAL in upper primary schools within the financial ceiling prescribed (Rs. 50 lakh per district).