

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

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IPAD LAPTOP FOR TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to provide free I-Pad/Laptop with internet connection to all the teachers in the Government and private recognized schools to update their knowledge and enable them to impart quality education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for distributing free Laptop/I-Pad to students in Uttar Pradesh and other States; and
- (d) the other measures proposed to spread computer education and awareness among students/teachers in particular?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d): No Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools" was launched in December 2004, and revised in 2010, to promote computer enabled learning and usage of ICT in teaching in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools with emphasis on educationally backward blocks and areas with concentration of SC/ST/Minority/weaker Sections. Under the Scheme there is a provision to provide financial assistance to States/ Union Territories to procure computers and other ICT related infrastructure. The grant of Rs. 6.4 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs. 2.7 lakh (recurring) per school is given under the scheme which is shared between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 except for North East States where it is 90:10. Under the Scheme there is no provision for providing I-Pad/ Laptop with internet connection to Teachers or Students.