

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6629
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2012
LAPTOP FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Manian Shri O. S.

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that approximately 1500 crore has been spent by the State Government of Tamil Nadu under puratchi Thalaivi Amma towards laptop for students to improve their skills;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to extend financial assistance to the State Government for the above purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No. Sir. The Union Government does not have information on the matter. 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