

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:176  
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AAKASH-I TABLETS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by customers of Aakash;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the curative measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether Aakash-2 is to be launched soon in the market which is technically better than Aakash-I; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Sir, after launch of Low Cost Access-cum-computing Devices (LCAD) Aakash on 5.10.2011, a total of 366 LCADs were distributed to students from various institutions located in different States/UTs for the purpose of its testing (not including devices retained at IIT Rajasthan for testing etc.) A scan of the individual student feedback forms received from IIT Rajasthan showed that areas where improvement were required were (i) heating of the device, (ii) need for longer battery life, (iii) need for capacitive instead of resistive touch screen (iv) need for better processors etc. The matter was taken up with the vendor and he agreed to make changes including upgrading the processor from 366 MHz Arm 11 based processor to a 700 MHz Arm Cortex A8 processor, improving the firmware and replacing the battery of 2100 mAH with a battery of 3200 mAH capacity and replacing the resistive touch screen with capacitive one with no enhancement in cost. This improved version of Aakash (which is for Govt. supplies) has already been soft-launched on 25th June, 2012.