

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5  
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CHEAPEST AAKASH TABLET  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Aakash tablet is the cheapest computer in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of tablets proposed to be purchased by the Government and the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this project?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Sir, no such information is authentically available. However, price of the Aakash tablet launched on 5th October, 2011 is Rs.2276/- for an order quantity of 1,00,000 devices (including charges like freight and insurance, servicing and documentation etc.).
- (c) Under NMEICT Scheme, an amount of Rs.47.72 crore has been sanctioned for procuring 1,00,000 Aakash tablets for the purposes of testing by students all over India in different climatic and usage conditions and also for establishing testing facilities for such tablets.