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SEA PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) project;

(b) whether there is any scheme for the participation of private institutes under ISEA across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the institutes participated during the last three years and the current year in the above scheme; and

(e) the results achieved so far as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a): The Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) project is aimed at human resource development in the country in the area of Information Security. The project has the following broad aims:

i) Introduce Information Security Curriculum at M.Tech. and B.Tech. levels and for Research Activity and PhD.

ii) Train System Administrators/Professionals

iii) Train Government Officers

iv) Education Exchange Programmes

v) Bring Information Security Awareness in the country.

(b) to (e): The academic activities of the ISEA project are implemented by 6 Resource Centres (including Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institute of Science. Bengaluru and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. Mumbai) & 33 Participating Institutes (including National Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, Govt. Engineering Colleges, select centres of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology).

A Scheme for participation of private institutes under ISEA Project was introduced on 23.2.2006 under which the following benefits to the AICTE/UGC approved non-profit private institutes were envisaged:

Access to their faculty/ staff to attend Faculty Training` Programmes or any other training programmes conducted by Resource Centres/Participating Institutes on payment of requisite fee and meeting all other expenditures.

Access to the training material, courseware developed under ISEA project. No financial support to the private institutes was envisaged in the said scheme. No formal proposals were received by the Department during the last three years and the current year under the above scheme. However, during this period, around 600 faculty members from various private institutions were trained under short-term training programmes conducted by the implementing agencies. Further, around 70 private engineering colleges across the country participated in the half/one day awareness programme conducted under the ISEA project.