

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ICT ACADEMIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Information Technology Research Academy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) the number of such academies proposed to be set up and the funds earmarked for the purpose, State and location wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Government for setting up academies for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposals, State wise including Chhattisgarh:

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. IT Research Academy (ITRA) is setup as National Programme to help build a national resource for advancing the quantity and quality of R&D in Information Technology and Electronics (ICTE) and its applications in IT and related institutions across the country.

(c): Only one IT Research Academy is setup as a division of Media Lab Asia, a section 25 not-of-profit organization of Department of Electronics and Information Technology. The approved outlay for ITRA is Rs. 148.83 Crore over a period of 5 years.

(d) and (e): Proposals were received from the state Government of Tamilnadu and Kerala for setting up ICT Academies in their respective states. Both of the proposals were approved for implementation. ICT Academy in Tamilnadu has been setup and has trained 5027 faculty members. Setting up of ICT Academy in Kerala is underway.

A scheme for providing financial assistance for setting up of Electronics and ICT Academies by the State Governments/ UTs in collaboration with IITs, IIITs, NITs etc or other similar academic institutions is being evolved. These academies would provide specialized training to the faculties of the Engineering, Arts, Commerce & Science Colleges, Polytechnics etc by developing state-of-the-art facilities