

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

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AMRITA VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE E LEARNING WORLD  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an internet based knowledge sharing platform will soon connect 20,000 colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that with Amrita Virtual Interactive E-Learning World (A-VIEW), one good teacher can teach tens of thousands of students simultaneously at different locations all over India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b) Under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), it has been envisaged to provide 15-20 Virtual Private Network over Broadband (VPNoBB) internet connections of 512 Kbps each to over 25000+ colleges and 2000 polytechnics. As on 28.02.2013, connectivity to 19875 colleges in various states has been provided.
- (c) & (d) Yes. A-VIEW is one of the video conferencing tools suitable for on line learning and can be used for training students and teachers at remote locations simultaneously.