

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

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BROADBAND SERVICE IN SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start broadband service in all the schools in the country including Rajasthan; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise?

**Answer**

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

a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Information and Communication Technology in Schools", financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs, inter-alia to procure computers and to build computer infrastructure along with a provision for internet/Broadband connectivity of atleast 2 Mbps bandwidth in each school. This Scheme seeks to cover Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the States and UTs, including Rajasthan. So far, 96077 schools have been approved for coverage under the scheme.

b) The State wise break-up of the number of schools that have so far been covered under the 'ICT in Schools' scheme is annexed.