

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

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AAKASH IV TABLETS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on Aakash IV, a low cost tablet for school and college students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have appointed any Sub-committee comprising of technical experts to develop specifications of Aakash IV;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make Aakash IV a success?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes Madam. An Inter Ministerial Committee for continuous R&D and the timely delivery of "Aakash" tablets was constituted by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) in December 2011. This committee had constituted a sub-committee of technical experts to prepare the technical specifications of Aakash IV. The technical Specifications prepared by the sub-committee were considered by the Inter Ministerial Committee in its meeting held on 12th June, 2013 at DeitY and the proposed specifications have since been finalized.