GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring Lap Top costing 10 dollars in order to increase computer literacy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or being taken to improve computer literacy among students in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) and (b): A Technical Committee has been constituted for realizing the goal of ultra low cost access-cum-computing devices, their field trials, testing, validity and evaluating various developments that have taken place in this area, as also to set specifications for usability in adverse conditions like: moisture in the air; extreme temperature; erratic power supply; and use of open source softwares, etc.

(c): Under the Scheme of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools, financial assistance is provided to all State Governments/Union Territories for establishing computer labs and imparting computer literacy as well as computer aided learning in Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools based on Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by State Governments/UTs.