

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMPUTER LITERACY IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that although Computer Science/Information Technology is not recognised at school level, yet it is made compulsory in all entrance tests, resulting in students not taking it seriously at school level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider it to make it as the mainstream at the school level also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) and (b): Entrance tests conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for engineering and medical courses do not have computer science or information technology as compulsory subjects.

(c) to (e) Computer Science is offered as one of the elective subjects at senior secondary level by CBSE and by various State Boards. Students in the schools affiliated to CBSE can offer foundation of information technology as an additional subject at the secondary level. Under the Centrally sponsored scheme "ICT in schools", computer, hardware, software and content are made available to Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools in phases so as to introduce computer literacy courses for the students.