

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number and the percentage of Government schools where computer aided education is being provided, State-wise;
- (b) the number of smart schools set up in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken/ are being taken for capacity enhancement of teachers in information and communication technology; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Ministry, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools, provides financial support to State/ UTs for implementing the Scheme which is aimed at imparting computer literacy and computer-enabled education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Government and Government-aided Schools in the country. Till now 87932 schools and 59 Smart Schools have been approved to be covered. The State wise details are at Annexure-I. Under the Computer Aided Learning (CAL) component of the SSA programme, financial support is given to States and UTs to maximize coverage in upper primary schools with special emphasis on Science and Mathematics. The procurement of hardware, software, training, maintenance and resource support, if required, could inter alia be included in this component. Under the scheme, Rs. 50 lakh is available to each district every year for strengthening CAL in schools to support enhancement of children's learning. Activities include providing computer equipment or labs to schools, development of curriculum based e learning materials in local language, and the training of teachers in computer use.

Apart from the above, some states have taken initiatives at their level too to implement computer aided education in schools.

(c) and (d) The guidelines of the ICT Scheme have provisions for Pre-service and In-service training to the teachers in the schools covered under the scheme for capacity enhancement of teachers in Information and Communication Technology. In order to motivate teachers and teacher educators to use ICT in school education, the National Awards for the Teachers using ICT in school education are being given to the teachers on an annual basis.