

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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LOW COST COMPUTER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise percentage of people who have access to computer and internet facilities in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to make low cost computers available to people to overcome digital divide in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a): As per Census of India 2011, 9.4% of households of India have access to computers and 3.1 %of households have internet. State-wise household data on access to computers and internet is at Annexure - I. The State-wise Internet subscribers as on 31.12.2013 as per Telecom regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is at Annexure -II

(b) to (d): Government is in process of making low cost tablet Aakash IV available through DGS&D. The DGS&D tender process is underway. Once completed, any Government Ministries/ Departments or organization can purchase Aakash -IV from empanelled rate contractors of DGS&D.