

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is using any technology to bring reforms in the education system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the constitution of an independent authority for grant of recognition with regard to higher education and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. A centrally sponsored scheme named National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) is under implementation since March 2009 to leverage the potential of ICT, in teaching and learning process for the benefit of all the learners in Higher Education Institutions in any time any where mode. It has following major components:

- i) Providing connectivity to the institutions;
- ii) Content generation; and
- iii) Development of low access device.

Further, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Information and Communication Technology

(ICT) in Schools" was launched in December, 2004 and revised in 2010 to promote computer enabled learning and support use of ICT in teaching and learning, in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

(c) The Government has introduced the Higher Education and Research Bill, 2011, which provides, inter alia, for the setting up of the National Commission for Higher Education & Research (NCHER). The bill has been examined by the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development. The Committee has examined the bill and submitted its report on 13.12.2012.