

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide free computer education and free Laptops to the students under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for this scheme; and
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to achieve the targets set under the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan provides financial support to States/UTs upto a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakh per district per year, for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) in Upper Primary classes with special emphasis in Science and Mathematics, which, inter alia, includes procurement of hardware, soft- ware, training, maintenance and resource support, if required, to be able cover schools incrementally. An outlay of Rs. 5125.98 lakhs has been provided to States/UTs for the coverage of 89269 Schools under the CAL Scheme in 2014-15.