

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

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TABLET PCS TO STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Governments including Kerala regarding financial assistance for providing Tablet PCs to all students in the aided sector in their States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Governments thereto, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Madam, no such proposal has been received.

However, it is intimated that under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) a project with the objective of development of Low Cost Access Device (LCAD) was sanctioned to IIT Rajasthan with the following stated deliverables:-

1. Procurement and distribution of 1 lakh LCAD
2. Optimization of the hardware and software of the LCAD
3. Testing of LCAD

This project was subsequently transferred to the IIT Bombay. The IIT Bombay had procured 1, 00,000 tablets for the purpose of field testing and for teacher empowerment.