

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ONLINE EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether online education market in India is set to grow at a compounded annual growth rate of 17.50 per cent from 2014 to 2019 and poor teacher-student ratio in India is driving the demand for online education learning in the K-12 segment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether lack of basic infrastructure in terms of internet connectivity is hindering the online education sector; and
- (d) if so, the strategies adopted by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) There is an increased demand for accessing on line educational content as support material in addition to study at schools/colleges from students including school dropouts and employees for enhancing their skills for career progression. The Pupil Teacher Ratio at elementary, secondary and higher secondary schools is 26, 26 and 41 respectively in 2013-14.
- (c) In 2013-14 the percentage of upper primary, secondary and higher secondary schools having computer and internet facility is 22.18, 33.69 and 43.99 respectively. The growth of school ICT infrastructure is incremental depending upon resources & connectivity infrastructure.
- (d) Under the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) component of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), financial assistance is provided to States/UTs, inter-alia to procure computers and build ICT infrastructure in Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools. Till date, out of 1,86,492 Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the country, 87097 schools have been approved for coverage under the ICT component.