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ICT FACILITY IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of universities and colleges in the country including Jharkhand still have no information and communication technology (ICT) facilities for teaching and training purposes;

(b) if so, whether the Government has provided financial assistance as a supplement to various universities for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and University-wise; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make provision of ICT facilities in all universities/colleges throughout the country including Jharkhand?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) This Ministry does not centrally maintain the details of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities for teaching and training purposes in various Colleges/Institutions/ Universities. In the State of Jharkhand, connectivity to 9 Universities/Institutions and 205 Colleges has been provided. As on date, broadband connectivity to 403 universities and 21,766 colleges has been provided. NMEICT also has a provision for 'campus connect' i.e. to make important common areas of the universities campuses wifi enabled.

(c) & (d) The Government does not provide financial assistance directly to the Colleges/Institutions/Universities to create Information and Communication Technology facilities like broadband connectivity and e-Library etc. These facilities in Colleges/Institutions/Universities are provided through interventions under National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).