

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AAKASH TABLET

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

- (a) the current status of Aakash tablet and the reasons for under achievement of the targets;
- (b) the complaints received from end-users;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there was advance booking on large scale for Aakash tablet and the students of colleges in Delhi have deposited advance amount for it and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some defects have been detected in the tablets and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken thereon;
- (e) whether the tablet would be provided to those who have booked it and the time likely to be taken for the same; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome under achievement of targets and to redress complaints of consumer?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) As per the information provided by Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, the Aakash Tablet Project has been completed by it and there is no under achievement of the targets. It has further informed that some complaints, which were technical in nature, were received after the use of Aakash Tablets. These complaints were addressed by the technical team of the Institute satisfactorily.
- (c) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, which has executed Aakash Project did not collect any money from any one for Aakash Tablets. However, there have been some private vendors, including the one who supplied Aakash tablets for this project, have reportedly made bookings for similar tablets but not for Aakash tablets.
- (d) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay has informed that the need for upgradation of the specifications for enhanced computing capabilities emerging on such tablet platforms was felt.
- (e) & (f) Do not arise.