

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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High Speed Data Communication Network

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to inter-link all institutions of higher learning in the country with a high speed data communication network and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to provide round the clock lighting and Wi-Fi facility in secondary schools and universities to improve education level of students and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which this will prove beneficial for the country;
- (d) whether any proposals have been received from any secondary schools, universities and States in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government thereon along with the funds allocated for the same?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam; the Government has provided internet to the institutions of higher learning in the country with high speed data communication network.
- (b) The Government further proposes to provide Wi-Fi facility in universities through a programme viz. Campus Connect. As regards schools, there is a component of under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) scheme for providing financial assistance to the States/ UTs for internet connectivity to Government aided Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools among other ICT related interventions.
- (c) The Wi-Fi facility would help the students to have access to educational content available on web and download the same for learning and enhancing their knowledge base.
- (d) & (e) UGC has been sanctioned Rs. 6.18 Crores for providing Wi-Fi facility in universities. So far, 85,335 Government and Government aided, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools have been approved for coverage under ICT in schools component of converged RMSA Scheme.
