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

(a) whether it is a fact that a new application has been developed by Indian Science and Research Organisation (ISRO) that would be able to keep tabs on activities on campus through geo-satellite imagery and if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;
(b) whether the Government has mapped a number of campuses and institutes in the country using the application and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to use geo-mapping to monitor progress in campuses;
(d) whether the campuses mapped by the application developed by the Ministry shall cover equipment purchased, infrastructure built, budgets planned and the larger vision of States chalked out their respective higher education plans; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has reported that it has not developed an application to keep tabs on activities on campus through geo-satellite imagery. It has informed that the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of ISRO has developed a mobile application for uploading geo-tagged photographs and associated details captured by the educational institutions, on Bhuvan-RUSA portal as a part of implementation of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) funded works. This application for geo-tagging of institutions under RUSA is a location based service.

(b) & (c): The total number of points of RUSA funded works that have been geo tagged by the higher educational institutions till date is 2067 in 30 States/UTs.

(d) & (e): The mobile geo tagging app covers the following attributes: construction work or equipment, institution name, new or upgraded work, type of work, current stage of work, percentage completed, completion date, bank name, account number, amount released and amount utilised.
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