GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 381
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

Education in Rural Areas

381. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that students from rural areas in the country are still deprived of good and quality education;
(b) if so, whether keeping in view of the digital India initiative e-classes were started in schools of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has received requests from various organizations and MPs for allocation of funds to expand such classes in other schools; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a):   Government of India is implementing the Centrally sponsored scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in partnership with the State/UT Governments to improve access and quality of education in the country including rural areas.

(b) & (c):   e-Class is a multiple solution platform enabling development and dissemination of e-contents and has been piloted in Zila Parishad schools of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts.

(d) & (e):   Yes, a request was received regarding allocation of funds for extending the BSNL e-Class service for providing online education in 1000 schools of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts. Under the "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools" component of RMSA, financial assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments for providing computer aided learning to the secondary stage students in Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools. The scheme has provision for development and provision of educational e-content for the schools.

       Further, under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) also, there is a provision of Innovation Fund for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) in Upper Primary Schools with special emphasis on Science and Mathematics.

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