

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF INTERNET KIOSKS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Electronics Corporation of India Limited alongwith Ikisan.com of the city based Nagarjuna group has decided to set up 100 internet kiosks in 9 States under the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC);
- (b) if so, whether the World Bank aided projects is likely to be executed in 18 months;
- (c) whether the internet kiosks has been decided to be established in the cotton growing areas of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Orissa;
- (d) if so, the total estimated expenditure involved therein; and
- (e) the extent to which these are likely to be helpful in cotton growing States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND AERONAUTICS IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The project development and implementation is to be done in 9 months followed by on the field support for 12 months by manning and operating the Kiosks for use of farmers.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Rs.1,96,28,000/- (Rupees one crore ninety six lakh twenty eight thousand only).
- (e) Full information (continuously up-dated) on cotton cultivation will be stored in the Kiosks. This will be available to the farmers in their local language, Hindi and English. Latest Information Technology tools such as Touch-screens, Internet, Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) etc. will be deployed for the purpose.