

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF TEACHER TRAINING CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether Microsoft India plans to open a teacher training centre in Chennai to help teachers impart best IT knowledge to students;
- (b) if so, whether the Government also plans to open such training centres throughout the country;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): Microsoft India has submitted a draft paper for discussion to the Department of Information Technology which also envisages setting up of Microsoft IT Academies in 14 States to empower schools to help teachers and students reach their academic and career potential through training programmes on IT.