

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITY TO LECTURES THROUGH EDUSAT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to provide the facility of lectures through virtual classes to the college students in rural and tribal areas in Madhya Pradesh through 'Edusat' by ISRO;
- (b) if so, whether the name of any college has been proposed for installation of Terminal in Jabalpur; and
- (c) if so, the criteria adopted by the Government for selection of colleges?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): According to the National Core Group for the Implementation of EDUSAT, a National Network is being developed in the first phase. EDUSAT is expected to facilitate distance learning through virtual classrooms. It has also been decided that the ISRO would provide one HUB and ten terminals for the Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) free of charge, to each of the States, including Madhya Pradesh. The location for the Hub and Terminals including additional terminals, if any, requested by the State Government, will depend on the decision of the State Government.