

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:404
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005
RESTRUCTURE OF MEDIA LAB ASIA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has restructured Media Lab Asia (MLA) during 2003;
- (b) if so, the allocation for the projects under MLA during the current five year plan;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed ongoing projects under MLA; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.404 FOR 21.12.2005 REGARDING RESTRUCTURE OF MEDIA LAB ASIA.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The allocation for restructured Media Lab Asia programme for the current five year plan is Rs.262 crores. This includes a non-governmental support of Rs.35.0 crores.

(c): The projects of Media Lab Asia are reviewed through the mechanism of Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) comprising of experts from the Government, private sector and well known academic institutions.

(d): The project implementation becomes more effective.