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JOB ORIENTED TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a job oriented training programme for disabled children in the area of Information Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the said programme;
- (d) whether the Government has a proposal to set up its first vocational training centre at Little Flower Convent Hr. Secondary School for Blind, Chennai;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the list of other schools which are likely to be covered under this programme?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f): Department of Information Technology has initiated a pilot project with a total cost of Rs.3.90 crores for setting up of job oriented vocational training centres for training of children with disabilities in the area of Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES). The course curriculum of the training has been designed so as to enhance the computer skills of children with disabilities and will provide additional inputs, which would add value to the all round development and employability of children with disabilities in IT and ITES. The vocational centres are proposed to be setup in Tamil Nadu and in Delhi NCR as there is a strong presence of IT industry in these parts of the country. The list of the schools is at Annexure. These schools have basic infrastructure and hostel facility as well as experience in running similar vocational centres in other disciplines. The children with disability in the nearby areas will also avail facilities of training at these centres. Each centres will have a computer lab equipped with 10 Nos. of computers, server, software tools and Internet connectivity for training children with disabilities. The project, apart from equipment has major training component, which include training of the teachers and students in the area of computer literacy, personality development and hands-on training. The children will be trained for hands-on training in the IT and ITES industry. The 1st vocational centre has been setup at Little Flower Higher Secondary School for Blind, Chennai.