

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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FUNDS FOR COMPUTER LITERACY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of funds allotted for computer literacy in rural areas of the country during the last three years and till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether funds allocated for the purpose are not being utilised by the concerned departments;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is satisfied with the progress of the computer literacy programme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched the Information and Communication Technology @ Schools Scheme in December, 2004 for promoting Computer Literacy in Government & Government Aided Secondary & Senior Secondary Schools in the country. Under the scheme no specific allocation of funds are being made for computer literacy in rural areas. However, details of funds allocated under the scheme to the States / UTs during the last three years is given in the Annexure.

(b) to (f): No report of non-utilisation of funds released under the ICT @ Schools Scheme has been received. Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Department of Secondary & Higher Education is hopeful that the ICT @ Schools Scheme will lead to progress in promotion of Computer Literacy in the country.