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VIDYA VAHINI AND GYAN VAHINI PROGRAMMES
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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 formulated Vidya Vahini and Gyan Vahini programmes;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the same in all parts of the country?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

Vidya Vahini: The Programme `Vidya Vahini` was conceived by the Department of Information Technology as pilot project to make use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the learning environment in schools. Gyan Vahini: Department of Information Technology launched `Gyan Vahini` Programme during the 10th Five Year Plan through ERNET India to integrate internet and intranet tools and computer aided techniques into the campus based learning environment of Universities.

(b) : Salient Features of Vidyavahini:

- # providing Information & Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure;
- # training of the teachers to use ICT for imparting education;
- # providing schools with Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) link, computer, server systems, televisions, etc;
- # providing different learning resources which include related educational tools, course curriculum and other learning material;
- # A Central Portal has been developed which hosts all the educational material

Salient Features of Gyanvahini:

- # Upgrade the IT infrastructure at all the higher learning institutions in the country.
- # Connect them on intranet and internet.
- # Provide multiple education services within the institution.
- # Connecting Faculties/ Department including Administration, Finance, Hostel, Library and Laboratory on the High Speed Fibre Local Area Network (LAN).

(c): The Government has approved a scheme `ICT in schools`. All the components of Vidya Vahini Programme have been incorporated in the scheme. The scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Human Resource Development.