

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

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COMPUTER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide minimum one computer to every Panchayat to fulfil its objective of making computer education accessible in the villages;
- (b) if not, whether any norms have been laid therefor; and
- (c) the funds allocated to the State Governments so far to meet the target, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. However, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education had launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) scheme in 2001-2002 to promote computer literacy in schools in the country. Under the revised CLASS, financial assistance is being provided to States/ Union Territories on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the States/UT's. Grant-in-aid is provided to only Government and Government-aided schools. Union Government provides 75% of the total sanctioned amount, subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per school. The balance 25% is borne by the State Government/UTs. The scheme also provides for 25% of funds from MPLADs in addition or as an alternative to State Govt. contribution.