

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

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR COMPUTER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the universities have failed to utilise the funds sanctioned for supplying computers to the colleges and develop the infrastructure of the science laboratories for conducting research at the undergraduate level;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount sanctioned by the University Grant Commission to various universities for the development of infrastructure for science laboratories to conduct research at the undergraduate level particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide basic infrastructure for the science laboratories to achieve goal of academic excellence?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), while there is no such scheme under which grants are provided to universities for supplying computers to the colleges for development of science laboratories, the Commission under the scheme of Establishment of UGC Network Resource Centre (UGC – NRC) in colleges during Xth Plan period, has assisted 3357 colleges so far for the purchase of computer systems. The Commission has also provided financial assistance to 66 Universities under the scheme of Establishment /Upgradation of Computer Centre in universities during the Xth Plan Period.
- (c): The Commission has provided grants amounting to Rs.80.00 lakhs to 4 universities and Rs.207.35 lakhs to 249 colleges in the State of Uttar Pradesh for purchase of computer systems, networking and internet connection.
- (d): The Commission provides assistance for development of infrastructure facilities including science laboratories under General Development Grants and Research Projects.