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PROGRAMME FOR DISTANCE ON WEB BASED LEARNING

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

(a) whether the Government has launched a new programme for Distance on Web based Learning;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to integrate information technology in the technical education system in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of technical education?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) Department of Information Technology (DIT) has provided grant in aid for a few pilot R & D projects to educational institutes such as NT Delhi, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, C-DAC Mumbai, IGNOU Delhi, BITS Pilani, IIT Kanpur in the area of E-Learning/ Distance Education Programme on Web Based Learning.

(ii) ERNET India, an autonomous Society of DIT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in the year 2001 to establish Internet facilities at AICTE approved technical institutions. Under the MOU, an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs as one time grant is provided to the government technical institutions and Rs. 5.00 lakhs to the private technical institutions for establishing the connectivity through ERNET India.

(iii) DOEACC Society, an autonomous body of DIT has provided Web Based Learning Material for 5 modules of DOEACC 'O' Level Computer Course, as a complement to the classroom delivery.