

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:156

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EDUSAT SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the 'EDUSAT' scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has signed agreements with Education Boards of the country including the Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh Secondary Education Boards for this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the medium of imparting the education proposed under the scheme; and
- (f) the steps being taken to extend the scheme to uncovered areas and make it more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.156 FOR ANSWER ON 10.8.2011 ASKED BY SHRI LAL CHAND KATARIA AND SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH REGARDING EDUSAT SCHEME

(a) and (b): As per the information provided by Department of Space, EDUSAT network functions are periodically reviewed. EDUSAT satellite was launched in September 2004 to support state level and national level networks. After the decommissioning of EDUSAT satellite on 30th September, 2010, the services are continued with INSAT-4CR and INSAT-3C satellite.

(c) and (d): The Department of Space has MOU with various State Governments as follows:

Sl.No.	State	Department/Agency
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1.	Rajasthan	Science & Technology, GoR
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2.	Haryana	Education & Language Department, GoH
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3.	Lakshadweep	Administrator, Lakshadweep Islands
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4.	Meghalaya	Education Department, GOM
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5. Orissa Technical Education, GoO

6. Gujarat Bhaskaracharya Institute for
Space Applications & Geo Informatics
(BISAG)

7. Maharashtra Higher and Technical Education Department, GoM

8. Arunachal Pradesh Education Department, GoAP

9. Punjab Punjab State Secondary
Education, GoP

10. Kerala Education Department, GoK

11. West Bengal Panchayat & Rural Development, GoWB

In addition, the following state level networks are also functioning under EDUSAT networks: Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Uttarakhand, Assam, Jharkhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Work to establish EDUSAT Network in Sikkim is under progress. There is no agreement with Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh State Board.

(e): The medium of instruction is the local language in case of state level network and English /Hindi in case of national level networks.

(f): ISRO/DOS provides Satellite bandwidth and technical support for establishment of EDUSAT network in the country. Establishment and Operation of ground segment (Hubs, Class room facilities, content generation and operationalisation) and expansion of the network rests with the State government. However, on a pilot/semi-operational phase ISRO offered one hub and limited terminals to all the states.