

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

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BROADBAND AND INTERNET CONNECTION TO SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make plan for free broadband connection in rural area schools for students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan of the Government to provide internet connection on nominal charges at the residence of students till Post Graduation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a): There is no such proposal at present with the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): There is no such proposal with the Ministry of Human Resource Development at present. However, there is a Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) scheme of the Department of Telecommunication, to provide wire-line broadband connectivity at subsidised tariff to rural and remote areas, which can be availed of by rural schools and students.