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(iii) The Scheme will initially cover 15 boys' and 15 Girls' schools.

## Public Sector Electronic Units in Backward Areas

6820. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

 (a) whether Government propose to start public sector electronic units in backward regions of the country in order to provide more employment opportunities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-OGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal at present. However, the Department of Electronics is providing assistance to State Electronic Development Corporation (SEDCs) for generating employment opportunities for rural areas through rural electronics assembly units (cooperatives). Department of Electronics has so far provided grants for 17 such projects. Details are given in the statement below.

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