

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 6301  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017  
Computer Knowledge to Youth**

**6301 SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
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DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for imparting computer and information technology related knowledge to the youth belonging to minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the names of educational institutes designated for the implementation of the said scheme in the country, State/ UT-wise?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) &(b): A pilot project for `Minority Cyber Gram`` was launched in February, 2014 for digital literacy in a minority dominated village Chandauli, District Alwar, Rajasthan. The Ministry has mainstreamed the Cyber Gram project with the Multi-sectoral Development Programme as a special initiative. Under this initiative students of minority communities are provided hands on training in computers to enable them to acquire basic Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills; become digitally literate; actively participate in knowledge based activities; access financial, social and government services and use internet for communications. The initiative covers students of Class VI to Class X belonging to notified minority communities(Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains )residing in minority concentration areas indentified under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP).

MsDP being a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the projects are approved on the basis of requirement and proposal received from State/UTs. So far, Rs. 3,566.88 lakhs have been released to the States of West Bengal, Tripura, Uttar Padesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra for implementation of Cybergram. The detailed information is at Annexure.

Under the scheme of Seekho aur Kamao, training in information and communication Technology based on Modular Employable skill is also being imparted to minority youth through selected Project Implementation Agencies (PSA).

- (c) Cybergram is being implemented by CSC (Common Service Centre) e-Governance India Ltd. in Schools/Madarsas proposed by the State Government as per the requirement.

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**Annexure**

<b>Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6301 for 12.04.2017.</b>			
<b>Cybergram project approved under MsDP</b>			
<b>Rs in lakhs</b>			
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Funds released</b>	<b>No of beneficiaries</b>
2014-15	West Bengal	1982.68	170005
	Tripura	126.72	18109
	Uttar Pradesh	1009.64	173143
2015-16	Rajasthan	121.29	10,400
	Maharashtra	326.55	28000
<b>Total</b>		<b>3566.88</b>	<b>399657</b>