GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2208 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

Smart Classrooms

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to encourage the smart classrooms in the Government and private schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a smart classroom scheme whereby selected schools in chosen districts are likely to be provided funds for enhancing the infrastructure and facilities to global standards and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of assistance likely to be given by the Government for setting up smart classrooms; and
- (d) whether any agreement to collaborate with private sector has also been mulled over by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a) Under the centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), the proposals of smart classrooms received from the States/UTs, which are found feasible are approved as per guidelines of the scheme.
- (b) Under the ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in schools component of RMSA, financial support is provided to the states/UTs for hardware, software and educational econtent for setting up ICT labs in government and government aided secondary schools. Under the scheme, 88957 schools have been approved till date.
- (c) Assistance for smart class rooms to States/UTs depends upon the feasible proposals received from the States/UTs as per the norms of the ICT scheme, past performance and availability of funds.
- (d) No, madam.
