

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 878**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07/02/2018

**CLOUD COMPUTING**

**878.     SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:**  
**SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:**  
**SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any special programmes or schemes to promote the cloud computing in both Educational and Government Institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the cloud computing contributes substantially to the advancements in communication and networking systems in the country;
- (d) if so, the effective steps taken by the Government to enhance and facilitate the use of cloud computing in Government services along with the funds allocated for the same in the last three years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a):   Yes, Sir.

(b):   Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) runs a Cloud Computing programme under the name “MeghRaj” to utilize and harness the benefits offered by Cloud Computing. There is no separate scheme for Education Institutions, they can also make use of the “MeghRaj” programme.

(c):   Yes, Sir.

(d):   Union Government started offering Cloud Services through NIC Cloud under “MeghRaj” in February 2014. The Government has also empanelled 12 Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) from Private & Public Sector for the purpose of offering Cloud services to the Government Institutions. The fund allocated over last 3 years including current year is Rs. 255.18 crore.

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