

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 279  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

**Computer Literacy**

†\*279. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any specific policy to ensure computer literacy among school students in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey on computer literacy among school students; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome of such studies/surveys, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 279 REGARDING “COMPUTER LITERACY” FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2018 ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV**

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

Under the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) component of the Scheme, there is a provision to impart computer literacy and computer enabled learning to children, by developing and deploying curriculum based interactive multimedia, digital books, virtual labs etc. across the country. It supports establishment of ICT based Science Labs, Math Labs and Language Labs, including support for hardware, educational software and e-content for teaching. It envisages covering all Government schools with classes VI to XII.

Under the erstwhile scheme of SSA, there was a provision of Innovation Fund for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) to provide support in upper primary schools for hardware, software, training, maintenance & resource support. About 92,886 upper primary schools were approved to be covered under this component.

Under the erstwhile scheme of RMSA, support was given for establishing ICT labs in secondary and senior secondary schools. About 88,994 secondary & senior secondary schools were approved under the ICT component of erstwhile RMSA.

An initiative under Operation Digital Board has been taken by Government of India to provide interactive digital boards to nearly 15 lakh classrooms across the country for 9<sup>th</sup> Standard to post graduate level, where they can receive lectures from best teachers/professors and access quality e-content, in order to enhance overall learning process and experience of the students.

(c)&(d) No such survey of computer literacy among school students has been conducted.

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