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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 275 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

Atal Tinkering Labs and Innovation Mission

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take a big initiative like Atal Tinkering Labs and Atal Innovation Mission to encourage research and innovation in the schools of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide the said facilities in the schools located in Vadodara City of Gujarat; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

- (a) Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) is a program run by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog to foster curiosity and innovative mindset in young students across India to encourage research and innovation in schools across the country. The vision of the initiative is 'To create One million children in India as Neoteric Innovators'. The details about various activities of ATL program are given on AIM website www.aim.gov.in. Till date, 8878 schools have been selected for ATL establishment, out of which 3020 have completed their compliance process and have been funded successfully.
- (b) & (c) Till date, 20 schools in Vadodara city have been selected for ATL establishment, out of which 8 have completed their compliance process and have been funded successfully. The establishment of ATL is an ongoing process across the country and is subject to compliance status of schools and availability of funds.
