

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**

**Atal Innovation Mission**

118. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is planning to set up Atal Innovation Mission with a view to attract the children towards technology at school level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the infrastructure being created for the said purpose; and
- (d) the quantum of funds earmarked for the said Mission?

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Government of India is encouraging the schools to provide exposure of science and technology to students so that they can be exposed with futuristic technology platforms. Government has setup the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog. The objective of establishing AIM is to create scientific temper and cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation among young minds.

(c): In schools, AIM facilitates to set up network of Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) in India. The vision of Atal Tinkering Lab initiative is to 'Cultivate 1 Million children in India as Neoteric Innovators'. The objective of this scheme is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds and inculcate skills such as design mind-set, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing, rapid calculations, measurements etc.

A total, 8878 schools have been selected and 4670 schools have been given the ATL grant in aid for establishment of ATL.

(d): A total of Rs.1000 crores is currently earmarked for the said mission upto financial year 2019-20.

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