

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No. 183**  
TO BE ANSWERED 12.03.2025

**ATAL TINKERING LABS**

\*183. SMT. D K ARUNA:  
SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fifty thousand Atal Tinkering Labs are likely to be set up in Government schools in next five years to cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation and foster a scientific temper among young minds; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard along with the funds sanctioned/spent for the purpose in the country including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, State/District-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT  
CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a). & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 183\* REGARDING ATAL TINKERING LABS  
BY SMT. D K ARUNA: SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR:**

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE) will set up 50000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in the Govt. Secondary Schools in the next five years. The Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2025 announced that Fifty thousand Atal Tinkering Labs will be set up in Government schools in the next 5 years to cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation, and foster a scientific temper among young minds. The plan for this is under preparation by the Department of School Education and Literacy, MoE

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