# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3501 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015

#### **Aakash Tablet-LCAD**

3501. SHRI OM BIRLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to continue the project to provide Aakash Tablet-Low Cost Access Device (LCAD) to students in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the status of number of LCAD procured by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mumbai in the year 2010 and the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

#### MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### (SMT. SMIRTI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b) The Aakash Tablet-Low Cost Access Device (LCAD) project has been completed and closed in March, 2015.
- (c) No LCADs were procured in 2010 by IIT Bombay. However, they have procured 1,00,000 LCADs in April, 2012 after fine-tuning the specifications, which were distributed to students and teachers of 300 engineering colleges.

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