

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2016

Digital Technology

2750. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up Digital Classroom Theatre facility in education sector to overcome several snags in our education system and help equip the students and teachers in better way;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to harness the benefits of digital technology and to penetrate the technology from primary education level?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMIRTI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) No Madam. At present Government has no proposal of setting up Digital Classroom Theatre facility in education sector.

(c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development under National Mission on Education through Information Communication Technology (NMEICT) programme has got e-Content prepared for a number of Under Graduate & Post Graduate courses including engineering subjects, by leading Institutions in the country and the content is available on the SAKSHAT Portal. Campus Connectivity has been provided to more than 400 universities and 22,000 colleges, with a bandwidth of 1 GBPS & upto 20 connections of 512 KBPS respectively. The SWAYAM project has also been proposed through which online courses would be made accessible to the students given by the best teachers across the Country.

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has uploaded e-Content for use of Primary and Secondary students in e-Pathashala and National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER). In order to ensure transparency through use of digital technology, Shaala Darpan (School Management System) and National Programme on School Standards and Evaluation (NPSSE) known as Shaala Siddhi (comprehensive instrument for school evaluation) and Saransh (enhanced interaction between schools and parents for performance monitoring of students and schools based on Class IX -XII CBSE results) are being implemented. Using digital technology, Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of schools across the country is undertaken to facilitate better planning/ decision making. GIS mapping is complete in 74% of schools so far. Further, under Information and Communication Technology component of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), broadband internet connection of at least 2 MBPS is also approved in the schools.
