

**Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2476
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016**

ICT for free and Quality education

**2476. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:**

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

- a) Whether the Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with Multinational Companies (MNCs) for providing Information Communication Technology (ICT) for free and quality education;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the key objectives and important terms & conditions for the above said memorandum;
- d) the details of projects and works undertaken *via* the national mission on education through the ICT scheme State-wise; and
- e) the total funds allocated for the above mission in the current fiscal year and the fund that has been spent till now State and project-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c) No. Madam.

(d) The National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and State Governments are not involved directly, but Institutions in State are involved in some of the projects and all learners benefit from the projects launched under NMEICT. It has various components including creation of e-contents, providing broadband connectivity for providing access to e-contents and material including e-books and e-journals along with the various technological interventions to facilitate the learning process.

A portal has also been created at <http://eacharya.inflibnet.ac.in> where study material for colleges and professional courses prepared by various Institutes under National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology has been uploaded.

(e) The total funds allocated for the NMEICT in the current fiscal year is Rs. 200 Crore and a total of Rs. 59.65 Crore has been released till date as per details given below :-

S. No	Project Name	Name of Institution/ Agency	Details of fund released
1.	For providing Internet Connectivity to Universities/ Institutions	BSNL	33.00 Crore
2.	Developing Suitable Pedagogical Methods for various classes, intellectuals, Calibers and e-learning	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	4.80 Crore
3.	e-content in Fashion Technology	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Chennai	1.16 Crore
4.	Virtual Labs	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	20.69 Crore
Total			59.65 Crore
