

1	2	3	4	5	6
26	Tamil Nadu	5440	3952	44	5.39
27	Tripura	145	145	4.92	0.58
28	Uttar Pradesh	18745	10801	18.36	35.5
29	Uttarakhand	2804	2474	12.09	5.56
30	West Bengal	6797	6190	54.88	13.47
31	Chandigarh	13	13	0	0
32	Lakshadweep	10	0	0.36	0
33	NCT Delhi	520	520	0	0
34	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12	0	0.15	0
35	Daman & Diu	4	0	0.44	0
Total		126949	97121	792.94	232.51

Improvement of IT skills of SC/ST unemployed youth

1312. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special measures have been initiated to improve the IT skills of SC/ST unemployed youth, so as to build capacity for competing in the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any review conducted by the Ministry to measure the outcome; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) Ministries/ Departments viz. Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Development of North eastern Region, Ministry of Labour and Employment have initiated various Schemes/Projects to improve the IT skills of SC/ST unemployed youth which are given in Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Department of Information Technology (DIT) has constituted Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) to review the implementation and suggest mid course corrections, if any, for the projects funded by DIT. Other Ministries / Departments have its own review mechanism to measure the outcome of each of the schemes/projects.

Statement

*Initiatives taken by various Ministries/ Departments to
improve the IT skills of SC/ST youths*

- ☛ Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Communications and IT:
 - a) IT for Masses programme of DIT
"IT for Masses" is a Plan Scheme of DIT. About 28,953 SC/ST have benefited directly from about 23 projects completed under this scheme during 2006-2010
 - b) National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (formerly DOEACC Society): An autonomous Scientific Society of DIT
 - Three projects in the area of IT Skill development for the disadvantaged segments of the society including SC/ST have been initiated in 2010-11. Under these projects training is to be provided to 89,400 youth.
 - ☛ Capacity Building for improving the IT Literacy and employability of the SC/ST Candidates in IECT Area: 2140 SC candidates in UP & Bihar states and 880 ST candidates in Jharkhand.
 - c) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC): An autonomous Scientific Society of DIT:
Capacity Building for Upliftment of SC/ST in Kerala at C-DAC, Thiruvananthapuram: This project is funded by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and targeted to train about 300 students per course in various job oriented IT Diploma courses. A total number of 3422 SC/ST students have been trained in.
- 2. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER)
Under the plan scheme of Capacity Building & Technical Assistance, Ministry of DoNER is

providing financial assistance to the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to take up courses for skill up gradation in IT and other fields for the NE candidates.

3. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing Central Sector Scheme of 'Free Coaching for SC and OBC students'. The objectives of the Scheme are to provide qualitative coaching inter alia for finishing courses/job oriented courses for employment in the private sector like IT, Biotechnology etc., in need of soft skill.

4. Ministry of Labour & Employment

A Six month's Computer Training was implemented for SC/ST jobseekers registered with the Employment Exchanges during 2004-05 which was reoriented during 2009-10 by making it one year 'O' level course at its accredited institutions under the supervision of Coaching-cum-Guidance Center (CGC) for SC/ST in the various States. Three batches of the 'O' level one year computer Training, Scheme have been completed with a seating capacity of 1000, 1000 & 960 candidates in 1st, 2nd & 3rd batch respectively. The 4th batch is in progress *w.e.f.* 01.07.2011 in 21 places where the CGC for SC/STs are located.

Leasing out of BSNL towers

1313. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State owned BSNL has started discussion with private players to lease out its towers to boost its revenue;

(b) if so, whether BSNL has more than 40,000 towers across the country and will lease out all these towers in the interest of the company; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (c) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has about 60,000 towers across the country. BSNL Management has decided to lease out spare capacity