

SSA have been given for construction of 30,808 primary schools and 10,644 upper primary schools, 6.88 lakh additional classrooms, 31,678 drinking water facilities, 5.18 lakh toilets and for appointment of over 7 lakh teachers.

Software for Indian languages

†*20. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements made so far by CDAC regarding the development of inter-transferable 'office' software fully capable of working in Indian languages;
- (b) whether any other agency has also accomplished this task successfully;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of its usage in case this software has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) C-DAC has localized free and open source interoperable office software like Open Office and Libre Office. It is a complete "office" software and is capable of handling daily office computer work in various formats including proprietary formats and hence the software is interoperable with other popularly used office software like MS office. One can create various types of documents like text, spreadsheet, presentations and database in Unicode. One can download this Office software from <http://www.ildc.in> website or send his/her address and receive it in a Compact Disc form at his/her doorstep. C-DAC is the first organization to localize it into all the constitutionally recognized 22 Indian languages.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Other organizations and open source communities have been working on Localization as well as other developmental works of such office software. However, no one has Localized in all 22 constitutionally recognized Indian languages, except for C-DAC.

(d) As on date 10,05,263 number of CDs of all languages have been distributed. These CDs have Open Office software bundled with few other software. Promotion of the software is done through the <http://www.ildc.in> website. Some of the PSUs, Banks, Insurance companies, NGOs, Government Offices and Schools have started using Open Office for their day to day computer work.

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