

Computer education centre in Government schools in Assam

409. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes to establish a computer education centre in each Government school of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) in 2001 -02 to promote computer literacy in schools in the country. Under the revised CLASS scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States/Union Territories on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the States/UT's. Union Government would provide 75% of the financial assistance while the State Governments/UT's would have to contribute minimum of 25% of the funds. The CLASS scheme also provides for contribution of 25% funds from the MPLADS in addition or as an alternative, to State Government contribution. Besides, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) would convert one school per State/UT into a SMART school for which a grant of not more than Rs. 25 lakhs would be given per SMART school.

The Government of Assam has not sent the Computer Education Plan of their State, hence no financial assistance has been released to them under the revised CLASS scheme. However, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has identified Kendriya Vidyalaya, Borjhar, Guwahati and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has identified Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sonitpur for establishment of a SMART school.