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RMSA**

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The “Information and Communication Technology in School” (ICT) component of centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides for opportunities to secondary stage students to build their capacity in ICT skills and make them learn through computer aided learning process. The Scheme covers Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools. The ICT component of RMSA also has a provision for setting up of Smart schools to act as “Technology Demonstrators” and to propagate ICT skills among students of neighborhood schools. So far 88,994 schools including 43 Smart Schools have been approved under the ICT component of RMSA. Both the components of the Scheme provide for financial assistance for setting up of ICT labs by provisioning for capital expenditure as well as recurring costs, including software such as learning management systems & curriculum based courseware.

Every year, the States/ UTs prepare their Annual Work Plan & Budget proposal for approval under the scheme. The viable proposals under the “ICT in Schools” component including of Smart Schools are considered and approved in consultation with State/ UT concerned.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Shri Upendra Kushwaha today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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