

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4069
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020

INCENTIVES FOR EMBRACING MODERN TECHNOLOGIES

4069: SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to extend incentives to the companies embracing modern technologies like cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) across the country including in the State of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for enhancing the student skills in the field of Information Technology (IT); and
- (c) whether the Government has any plans for establishing any IT University in the Anantapur district and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a): No, Sir. Government has no such plans.

(b): The following steps have been taken by the Government for enhancing the student skills in the field of Information Technology (IT):

- Government has supported 38 training programmes in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and related technologies and 33 workshops. For building AI awareness at school level especially in rural and remote areas, school awareness programmes were initiated in various districts across the country.
- Government initiated Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics & IT in 2014 with the objective of enhancing the number of PhDs in Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES) sectors with a budget of Rs. 466 crore for 9 years. The scheme encourages PhD Fellows to take up research challenges in areas of Information Technology. Scheme provides fellowship amount to PhD candidates. As on 12 March 2020, a total of 1239 PhD (930 full time + 309 part time) candidates have been enrolled at various institutes.
- Government has initiated a Future skills programme titled 'FutureSkills PRIME' which aims to create a re-skilling/up-skilling ecosystem for B2C in emerging and futuristic technologies including Artificial Intelligence to cover a target of 4.12 Lakh beneficiaries (4 lakh Professionals, 10,000 Government Officials and 2,000 Trainers) over a period of 3 years.

(c): No, Sir. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) is not establishing any IT University.
