## **Press Note**

## Agreement signed for implementation of ICT Phase-II in Government Schools Struck 2nd April 2015; of Himachal Pradesh

The agreement for implementation of ICT Phase-II project in 1525 Government Schools of Himachal Pradesh was signed on 31st March 2015. Dr. Raj Krishan Pruthi, SPD (RMSA/SSA), H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. and Sh. Omjivan Gupta, Vice-President IL&FS Education & Technologies Services Ltd on behalf of IL&FS for implementation signed the agreement in presence of Sh. S.B.Sekhri, Director Higher Education, H.P., Sh. T.S.Negi, Joint Director-S, Higher Education, HP, Dr. M.S.Negi, Joint Director-C-II, Higher Education, HP, Sh. Suresh Kumar, ICT Coordinator, RMSA, HP, Sh. Omjivan Gupta, Vice-President IL&FS Education & Technologies Services Ltd.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools Scheme was launched to provide opportunities to higher secondary and secondary stage students to mainly build their capacity on ICT skills and make them learn through computer aided learning process.

As per the agreement the IL&FS Education & Technologies Services Ltd. will supply and install the Multimedia Educational Content, conduct teacher training/ refresher courses and monitor the progress of project, provide Interactive White Board, LCD Projector, Integrated Computer Projector, Computer Hardware, software, Manpower, other allied accessories (i.e. webcam, multifunctional Printers, UPS, etc.), site preparation (i.e. vinyl flooring, furniture and fixtures, electrical fittings, LAN, etc.) and Maintenance thereof in 1520 Government Schools (615 GSSS, 835 GHS & 70 newly upgraded GSSS/GHS) and 5 Smart Schools in the state of Himachal Pradesh for 4 years. IL&FS Education & Technologies Services Ltd. will establish one sample site in any of the allotted school for inspection/quality check and verification of quoted brands, within 30 days after the date of signing of agreement. The implementation period for execution of the project will be 120 (One Hundred and Twenty) days from the date of signing of agreement.

On the occasion Dr. Raj Krishan Pruthi, SPD (RMSA/SSA) stated that this scheme is a major catalyst to bridge the digital divide amongst students of various socio economic and other geographical barriers. The Scheme provides support to States to establish computer labs on sustainable basis.

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