

### **COMPUTER LITERACY EDUCATION FOR STD. V TO VII:**

It is a generally accepted fact that although there has been substantial quantitative growth of education in India, there is much to be desired as regards to its quality. Hence, a sizable section of society that is aware of the importance of the quality of education and the lack of it in the existing system is looking for alternatives. This explains the boom in private tutoring: coaching classes, study guide's etc. However, the demands of quality education and those of existing system are at odds with each other and hence none of the available alternatives fulfill the requirements of quality adequately. The spread of computer technology in India has opened up entirely new possibilities. With declining prices, computers have come within the reach of average middle-class families and parents now want to expose their children to computers as early as they can. In order to "learn to learn" and "how to learn", the students must be able to use computers as an important aid in learning. Keeping this in view, Hon'ble Chief Minister, in his Budget speech has stressed the need to strengthen the computer laboratories in schools by providing additional 15 crores in the budget speech 2010-11. The Government has introduced Computer Education for Std. V to VII since 2005. Subsequently all the schools in the State have been covered in a phased manner.

<b>Item</b>	<b>2007-08 Actual</b>	<b>2008-09 Actual</b>	<b>2009-10 Actual</b>	<b>2010-11 Anti- cipated</b>	<b>2011-12 Proposed</b>
No. of students benefited are	64256	66450	71713	75350	75000
The Expenditure incurred	-	277.25	198.02	200.00	1500.00

**An outlay of Rs. 1500.00 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2011-12.**