Simple, Morale, Responsive, Accountable and Transparent (SMART). Governance is the call of the hour and every one has to contribute in this auspicious mission. The Central Government has stressed this as the development mantra. Undoubtedly, it is up to the State Govts. to take necessary initiation in this aspect but unless the ultimate beneficiaries – the public – is willing to extend their cooperation, this Herculean mission will remain unattended and decorate the paper as a policies, procedures and rules. This is high time that all of us should take a vow to reach out with our cooperative hands towards this common goal in broader national interest.

Today, if our system is being diluted and there is some sign of mismanagement then none other than we - who are responsible for this down fall. Therefore, if system is to improve and brought back to the track of progress, then again it will be we - who can do some thing for its right alignment. We should not think that some body from outside can do some miracle - rather a small positive contribution from each of us will make our state a model state.

Thus, *'We and only we can do some thing good for our state because we know our state and its opportunities better than any one else - we know the problems - we know the solutions.'*

Next millennium is knocking at the door with plethora of issues and aspirations which are to be dealt with optimum passion. Since the dawn of the civilization human beings are consistently striving hard to integrate man with machine to facilitate the qualitative productivity. This integration of man and machine has brought many viable solutions and relieved off man from many sorrows and anxieties. These new techniques and doctrines have put forth many avenues for synergy of the above human endeavour. The curiosity of man to observe and manipulate the existing product with slight variation in its ingredients has led many new useful tools and techniques.

The process is unending. After the Industrial revolution, the major revolution that has impressed the world is *IT revolution*. Last one decade has shown phenomenon growth and progress in the IT. The progress could be segregated in terms of worth noticeable landmarks right from PC, network, multimedia and video conferences etc. Now the stage is set to deploy these IT tools within a well formulated State IT Plan and policy for its sustainable growth and development for the achievement of the above '*Slogan*'.

TAKING I.T. TO THE SCHOOLS

This project has come into existence due to funds conceived and initiated by the Union Govt. for each state towards building up a momentum for all round IT led development. This revolution is sweeping the world and even India has made remarkable progress on this front. But for the nation as whole to develop as a Super-Power in the field of information technology, the movement must be cultivated at the grass root level and sustained due to efforts by the state govts. as well as the citizen.

For mass to participate in this revolution, it is very much necessary that govt. creates a set of basic infrastructure which can serve the needs of common man and thus create the right type of motivation in an individual or a business concern. This exercise has thus got to begin from where it matters most – that is, from the level of schools so as prepare our children for the future!

The Bihar State has been provided with a fund of Rs. 15.91 Crores spread over a five year plan towards introduction of Information Technology for the students studying in the classes 8th through 12th. This fund is to create proper computer training infrastructure that can be used to help the children learn intricacies of modern technology and to come out fully prepared when they reach college level.

In this proposal details have been provided as to how the society will generate fund to make the programme running without any hurdles and without giving any extra pain to the poorer section of society.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This is age of Information Technology! Almost all walks of life today including the professional fields have slowly but steadily been inducting IT in their day-to-day affairs and no matter which field a fresh graduate opts for, basic familiarity with information technology and its tools is assumed by default. However, if the aspiring candidate lacks these skills, he or she may find that a lot of job opportunities can simply be missed despite having secured good marks in the primary field of specialization.

It is this realization that prompted 11th Finance Commission to take some corrective measures and led it to decide that govt. schools must have computing facilities available to give some exposure of this ultimate technology to the students right from the Class 8 to 12th. The training programmes that are to be made available will certainly not turn these students into a computer professional but it will certainly go a long way in removing any fear of computers from their mind-set at the same time, provide them with enough skills to help them navigate their career in the times ahead.

The project objectives include creation of computer infrastructure at each district headquarter level. The govt. has decided to select District High Schools as prospective sites so that computer training programmes can be run for all the students at a cost that is affordable even to those who hail from weaker sections of the society.

The project provides for creation of site, installation of 50 Computer systems along with related peripherals, connectivity with the Internet, full time trainers and qualified lab assistants and a mechanism to earn just enough money through these training programmes so that operational cost can be met which will keep the momentum going and will not cause the project to fail due to lack of funds.

Being a joint exercise of State as well as Central Govt., the burden of making this exercise a grand success will be shouldered by both of them to the best of their ability.

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