In line with its vision of providing a world class Quality Education accessible to all, the Ministry of Education & Human Resources has earmarked the year 2007 as the year of integration of technology in Education. Towards this drive, primary schools are being encouraged to set up Multimedia rooms also known as Médiathèque. This is yet another milestone in providing Quality Education for all.

**DEFINITION**

The Multimedia Room or Médiathèque is a technology workroom for teachers and pupils. It provides access to equipment, both hardware and software that support the teaching process, including television sets, computers, CD-ROMs, films, books and other educational software. It is usually located in the school library premises.

**MISSION**

Its mission is to provide an audio-visual setting within the school and also to meet the needs of both students and teachers by providing support materials, both print and non-print, generated by the school curriculum.

**WHAT IS IN THE Médiathèque?**

- A television set, video recorders, radio, projectors
- All materials used in teaching and learning – whether printed, auditory, visual, tactile, or a combination of these
- A collection of books – especially those appealing to children and adults
- Periodicals, pamphlets, pictures and other ephemeral materials
- Projectors, record players, tape recorders
- Games and puzzles for young children
- Special materials for teachers, such as books in Education, current professional periodicals, audio-visual materials, concerning teaching methods
- Curriculum guides, copies of textbooks, materials on child and adolescent psychology, child growth and development and works in the various school subjects for teacher background reading
- Shelves for display of books
- Study space and relevant furniture in that connection
- A variety of storage equipments for non-print materials
- Mattresses or mats or low stools and reading tables for std I - III
- Reading tables and stools for upper classes

**ROLE**

- To serve the entire curriculum and the individual needs of the students and teachers.
- To provide pedagogical support to the entire school – Administrators, counsellors, teachers, students.
- To act as an extension of the classroom by enabling students to pursue topics related to class activities, and securing information by reading, learning or viewing the materials available.
- To provide facilities where the teacher/student can produce slides, transparencies and recordings for class use.