

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The pre-primary classes are run on self-financing and experimental basis. The efficacy of running pre-primary classes will be assessed & reviewed for final decision, by Board of Governors, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Nursery Teachers

2586. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nursery teachers have to teach nursery, 1st and 2nd standard Classes in schools, as per the provisions in the scheme/policy of Education;

(b) if so, whether directions/guidelines to States/UTs have been issued/notified for their implementation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has prescribed the minimum qualification for teaching in Class I onwards through Determination of Minimum Qualification for Recruitment of Teachers in Schools Regulations, 2001. As per these Regulations, the academic and professional qualifications for recruitment of teachers for imparting education at primary level i.e. classes 1 to 5 are (i) Senior Secondary School Certificate or Intermediate or its equivalent and (ii) Diploma or Certificate in basic teachers training of a duration of not less than two years or Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed).

FDI in Primary Education

2587. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to permit Foreign Direct Investment in elementary and primary education on case

by case basis, pending a formal policy decision in this regard by the cabinet;

(b) if so, how many investment proposals have been cleared so far and how many are in the advanced stage of approval; and

(c) whether any policy guidelines have been formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) It has been decided to examine the position related to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and formulate clear and transparent policy guidelines on the subject, including the aspects relating to preprimary and elementary education. Pending this review, proposals are being examined on case by case basis. Two proposals have been received recently of which one is in advanced stage of finalization and the other is under process.

Lower enrolment of foreign students in Indian Universities

†2588. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment of foreign students in current session in University of Delhi and in all the other universities of the country has been lower *vis-a-vis* the last year;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that due to deteriorating educational atmosphere in the University of Delhi Foreign students are no more interested to study in other universities of India;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken serious note of the circumstances; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, enrolment of foreign students during the current academic year has been marginally

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.