

LFL Blocks in Gujarat

2966. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified Low Female Literacy (LFL) blocks in Gujarat as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken by Government to make these LFL blocks in the State fully literate by the turn of this century;

(d) if answer to part (a) be in the negative, whether Government propose to conduct a survey in this regard in the current calendar year; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The State Government of Gujarat have identified 12 districts having low female literacy rate. The districts are: Banaskantha, Panchmahals, Dangs, Surendranagar, Kutch, Sabarkantha, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Amreli, Junagarh, Bharuch and Surat.

The entire State of Gujarat has been covered under Total Literacy campaigns. After completion of TLCs, Post Literacy Campaigns have also been sanctioned to all the districts except Bharuch and Junagarh.

Monitoring of Engineering and Medical Colleges

2967. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new engineering and medical colleges opened in the country during the last five years;

(b) how many of them are in the private sector and the State-wise break-up of the same;

(c) whether these private engineering and medical colleges strictly follow the admission eligibility criteria on the basis of merits of applicants; and

(d) whether Government have any effective monitoring and control system in admissions in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Establishment of 134 new engineering colleges and 10 new medical colleges in the country was approved during the last five years. Out of the above, 120 new engineering colleges and 8 new medical colleges are in the private sector. The State-wise break-up of the same is given in the statement attached. (See below).

(c) and (d) Admissions to private engineering and medical colleges are made by State Governments as per regulations of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the Medical Council of India respectively.

Statement

State-wise break-up of private Medical/Engineering Colleges approved during the last five years

State/ Union Territory	No. of private Engg. colleges approved during the last five years	No. of private Medical Colleges approved during the last five years
West Bengal	2	—
Sikkim	1	—
Andhra Pradesh	7	—
Chandigarh	—	—
Delhi	—	—
Haryana	6	—
Himachal Pradesh	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	3	1
Punjab	4	—
Rajasthan	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	6	2