

Industries, if the same is found to be technically feasible and financially viable. During 10th Plan, financial assistance to 19 units in fruits & vegetable processing sector in Tamil Nadu worth Rs. 558.05 lakhs has been approved under this plan scheme.

Implementation of Recommendations of Moily Committee

†*374. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government for implementing the recommendations of Moily Committee on the issue of 27 per cent reservation in higher educational institutions and for gradual increase in the capacity of the institutions;

(b) whether there are any guidelines to ensure that there is no cut or loss of seats for the students of general category;

(c) whether the system of reservation would also be applicable in the case of institutions engaged in higher research and development;

(d) whether Government would sanction grants for implementing reservation in higher educational institutions; and

(e) if so, the amount of grants for this purpose and whether it would be included in Budget proposals?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) A Legislative Bill for effecting reservations for the weaker sections including Other Backward Classes in admissions to all Centrally aided/maintained/established higher education institutions, is before the Parliament for its consideration. Recommendations of the Oversight Committee which was constituted for drawing up a roadmap for implementing the policy of reservations in admission to Centrally aided/maintained/established higher education institutions, can be implemented after the proposed Legislation is enacted. Government has taken steps to include those of the recommendations of the Oversight Committee, which entail provision of financial outlays in the XIth Plan Proposals of this Ministry.

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