

Assistance for Appointment of Language Teachers", assistance is provided to the States/UTs for appointing Urdu teachers in schools and also for other language teachers in Hindi speaking States. The State-wise details of assistance provided for appointment of Urdu teachers in the last three years are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Financial Assistance for Appointment of Language Teachers", the State Government of Himachal Pradesh was sanctioned financial assistance in October, 2007 for appointment of 100 Punjabi language teachers. No proposal for appointment of Punjabi language teachers has been received from UT Administration of Delhi and States of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir since 01.04.2006.

Statement

Sanction of financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Financial Assistance for Appointment of Language Teachers" to different States/UTs for appointment of Urdu teachers.

State / UT	Number of teachers sanctioned		
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Andhra Pradesh	78	1400	-
Himachal Pradesh	-	100	-
Chhattisgarh	-	426	-
TOTAL :	78	1926	-

Higher education reform

376. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan reforming higher education in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) An Action Plan for Academic and Administrative Reforms prepared by the University Grants Commission (UGC) is under implementation. These reforms measures which include; introduction of semester system, introduction of choice-based credit system, curriculum development, reform in admission procedures and examination reforms, are provided in the Act pertaining to the new Central Universities and shall be extended to other Universities. Recommendations of the Committee to advice on renovation and rejuvenation of Higher Education (Yash Pal Committee) for establishing of a National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) and other implementable recommendations of that Committee and the National Knowledge Commission form the basis of further references in Higher Education.