

amount of about Rs. 53 crores can be classified as expenditure not covered under the SSA guidelines. Under mid-day meal scheme, no misuse of funds has been reported.

(c) The States/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 social science institutions. In cases of diversion of funds the Government of India has directed States to recoup the inadmissible expenditure to the State SSA programmes.

(d) and (e) The monitoring systems of the SSA *inter alia*, do collect data from districts for various aspects of the programme.

Disaster preparedness in school curriculum

2765. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposed to change the school curriculum by including 'disaster preparedness' giving necessary training to students and also to make it a compulsory subject; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), has introduced topics on disaster management as a part of curriculum in Social Science subjects for class VIII from the academic session 2003-04 and extended it upto class X in subsequent years. It was also extended to class XI and part of syllabus in Geography and Sociology from the academic session 2005-06. Social Science is a compulsory subject for all students at the secondary level. Disaster preparedness has been included as an integral component of the new Social Sciences and Science textbooks of NCERT, based on the National Curriculum Framework 2005.

Gandhian Chairs in the universities

2766. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Gandhian Chairs" are proposed to be set up in various universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it will be set up; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to propagate Gandhian principle among the student community in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), thirty six Gandhian Studies Centres have been established by the Commission in various Universities/Institutes/Colleges during the Xth Plan.

IGNOU Study Centres

2767. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) the number of study centres of IGNOU in the country and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether IGNOU has developed any system of accreditation of its study centres and parameters to reflect the academic performance of the teachers and students of respective study centres;

(c) if so, the parameters against which accreditation is made and the details of rankings of the study centres;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would consider evolving a system to monitor the academic performance of the teachers and students of respective study centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The State-wise list of Study Centres of IGNOU, excluding the study centres at army establishments (numbering 62), is given in statement (See below).