

Urdu Language specifically in the area of language teachers' recruitment for the past four years in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): No budgetary expenditure is incurred by the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) in the area of language teachers' recruitment.

**Central Government-funded schools and colleges in Orissa**

3461. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will increase the number of Central Government-funded schools and colleges in Orissa where the literacy rate is less than the other States in the country;

(b) if so, what are the major steps Government is taking for the same;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry will promote the opening of more Central schools in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, District-wise and phase-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are the major steps taken by the Government in this regard:—

(i) A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan' has been launched in March, 2009 to universalise access to secondary education and to improve its quality.

(ii) As a part of another Centrally Sponsored Scheme to set up 2500 schools in educationally backward blocks (EBBs), all the EBBs of the State of Orissa will be covered under the Scheme.

(iii) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the following schools have been sanctioned to Orissa during 2009-10:

Primary Schools	2328
Upper Primary Schools	928
Opening of Class VIII in existing Upper Primary Schools	5616

(iv) A new Central University has been established in Orissa.

(v) A sum of Rs. 28.47 crores has been released to establishment of 14 new Polytechnics in Orissa.

(vi) A new Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has been establishment in Orissa.

(c) and (d) At present, this Ministry does not have any proposal to open any more Central Schools (Kendriya Vidyalayas).

#### **Setting up of polytechnic college in Himachal Pradesh**

3462. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh proposes to set up a polytechnic college at Pragati Nagar, Gumma, Shimla District with the financial assistance of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has received any request from the State Government to bear the recurring cost of the project also as the former has already agreed to bear the capital cost;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to accede to the request;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) This Ministry has not received any such proposal.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

#### **Medical preparedness in schools**

3463. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no guidelines for medical preparedness in schools;

(b) if so, the delays in this regards; and

(c) the efforts being made to ensure medical preparedness in schools to meet any emergency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Education being a concurrent subject, and most of the schools being under the purview of the State Governments, it is for the State Governments to issue guidelines for medical preparedness in schools.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a Comprehensive School Health Programme for the schools affiliated to it and has advised schools to set up health and wellness clubs in each school. The Health Programme includes health check-up, health card for each student and first aid facilities.