

(b) if so, the details of the policy and the goals set out thereunder; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Capitation fee in professional colleges

353. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases of charging of huge capitation fee by several professional colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to prohibit capitation fee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per the information given by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 2 cases of charging of capitation fee by People Education Society, Bangalore (PESIT) and Babaria Institute of Technology, Vadodara were reported to them. The two institutes accepted that they had received voluntary contributions/donations and had since returned the amounts to the complainants.

(c) AICTE has informed that the above two institutions would not be granted any increase in intake or additional courses for two academic years. AICTE has also intimated that as and when complaints regarding charging of capitation fee are received, an Enquiry Committee conducts enquiry into the complaint and appropriate action is taken based on the report of the Enquiry Committee.

A legislative proposal, to provide the legal mandate to prohibit unfair practices including charging of capitation fee in any form in technical and medical educational institutions & universities, is under consideration and inter-ministerial consultations have been taken up for firming up the legislative proposal.

Popularity of Sanskrit and Urdu

354. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sanskrit and Urdu is gaining popularity among students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocation made for the research and development of Sanskrit and Urdu in each State and to each university in the country especially in minority populated areas in Hyderabad and other Telangana areas in Andhra Pradesh?