

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A policy to attract talent into higher education, particularly into 14 Universities to be established as Innovation Universities is under consideration of Government. Even existing Universities have the autonomy to establish chairs of studies and obtain funds for the purpose from Government and Non Government sources.

Teaching standards in schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is need to raise the standards of teaching in the existing schools of the country;

(b) if so, the response of Government in this regard;

(c) whether measures have been implemented in this regard during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the consequential increase in percentage of results in school examinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. National Curriculum Framework, 2005 articulates the need for a substantial improvement in the quality of education. Continuous steps have been taken to raise the standard of teaching in the existing schools through in-service teachers training programmes and various other measures under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). SSA has identified quality parameters such as basic infrastructure, school and classroom environment, teacher training etc. and is providing assistance to achieve them. Under SSA, existing schools with inadequate teacher strength are provided with additional teachers, capacity of existing teachers is being strengthened by extensive training and grants provided for developing teacher training materials. Schools under Central Government like Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas generally maintain high standards of teaching. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has adopted syllabi and curriculum prepared by National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) and prescribes textbooks prepared by NCERT. CBSE verifies quality of education in respect of infrastructure, teaching methodologies, co-curricular activities and teachers training programmes, etc. before granting affiliation to schools.

(e) As per the National Achievement Surveys conducted under SSA across the States by NCERT, there is an increase of 2-4% in average achievement at different stages of school education over a period of three years.

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