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128 Kbps in schools while University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing assistance to colleges for purchase of computers and also internet connection.

**Bhagat Singh Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru University**

2936. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up Bhagat Singh Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru University as a fitting tribute during his birth centenary year;

(b) if so, whether any committee is being constituted to look into the matter and control the financial aspects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) On the recommendation of National Implementation Committee for Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of First War of Independence, 1857 and other related events, the Government has taken a decision, in principle, for establishment of Bhagat Singh Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Out of school children**

2937. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 40 per cent of children in the age group of 6-14 are out of schools despite utilization of 86 percent fund of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been diversion of SSA funds as well as financial irregularities in many States;