

(b) Does not arise as the scheme for setting up 20 IITs in PPP mode is yet to be approved by the Government.

Legislation for entry of foreign educational institutions

981. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in the country has been finalized; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India is under consideration of the Government.

National examination for admission to courses

982. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a national examination for admission to engineering and medical courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;

(c) if so, whether the Competent Authority of various States have been informed in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) if so, whether the prevailing provisions in the allocation of seats including reservation had been considered before declaring the national examination;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, whether steps would be taken to consult all the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to introduce a common national examination for admission to engineering and medical courses.

(b) to (h) Does not arise.

Accreditation system for universities/institutes

983. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether accreditation system adopted by Government to allow universities/institutes to compete on the basis of their ratings has failed in its prime objective of healthy competition for quality education; and