

(c) The details of subsidy provided for all fertilizers during the last six financial years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Total amount of subsidy disbursed for all fertilizers (Gross)
2003-04	11847.82
2004-05	16127.70
2005-06	19389.64
2006-07	28019.55
2007-08	43319.16
2008-09	99494.71

Conversion of FSNL into subsidiary of SAIL

*228. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee formed by his Ministry in March, 2008 had recommended conversion of Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL), Bhilai into a subsidiary of SAIL; and

(b) if so, the action taken, so far, for implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No final decision has been taken in the matter.

Bogus educational institutions

*229. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce a special Act to crack down upon bogus educational institutions operating in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not; the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A legislative proposal to prohibit and punish adoption of unfair practices, including the making of false claims on being recognized when it is not so recognized, by technical and medical educational institutions and universities is under consideration. Similarly, another legislative proposal for mandatory accreditation of higher educational institutions is also under consideration. However, no definite time limit can be given at present.