

Foreign Universities

3156. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to get the Foreign Universities Bill enacted and made effective in 2010-11;
- (b) whether Government has received Letters of Intent (Lols) or proposals from foreign universities to set up campuses in India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India has been approved by the Government for introduction in Parliament.

- (b) No, Sir,
- (c) Does not arise.

Derecognition of teacher training institutes

†3157. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has recently derecognized a large number of teacher training institutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a Governmental regulatory body works to establish and operate teacher training institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Regional Committees of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) have conducted enquiries and inspections in respect of institutions which are reported to have substandard functioning and inadequate instructional and infrastructural facilities. On the basis of such enquiries and inspections and after affording due opportunity to the institutions, the Regional Committees have withdrawn recognition of the defaulting institutions. Since January, 2009, recognition has been withdrawn in respect of 549 teacher education courses.

- (c) The NCTE is the regulatory body with the mandate to achieve planned and coordinated development of the teacher education system throughout the country, the Regulations and proper maintenance of Norms and Standards in the teacher education system and for matters connected therewith. It does not establish or operate teacher training institutions.

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