

(d) Section 12 of the RTE Act provides that Unaided schools shall admit in class I to the extent of at least 25 per cent of the strength of that class, children belonging to the weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in the neighborhood school and provide free and compulsory elementary education till its completion.

Guidelines for quality of education in foreign university centres

†3134. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to allow establishment of foreign university in private sector in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any guidelines have been set by Government for quality of education and fixation of tuition fees;
- (c) if so, the details of guidelines; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India has been approved by the Government for introduction and a notice thereof has been sent to Parliament. Provisions of the Bill can take effect only subject to approval by Parliament.

IGNOU's computer programmes for rural population

3135. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether IGNOU has proposed to launch five computer programmes that would deliver international skill development vocational courses to the rural population at an affordable cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the courses would help to bridge the educational gap between rural and urban population by making computer education available to villages at their door steps; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the university offers some programmes, which are of value to learners in rural areas who have different basic qualifications. The programmes include Certificate in Information Technology (CIT), Digital Literacy Programme (DLP), Diploma Programme on PC Hardware and Networking

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.