

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to information furnished by the University of Delhi, the University proposes for a multipronged approach to meet with additional seats in colleges as well as to maintain the quality of higher education. This, *inter-alia*, includes opening of new colleges and construction of new building for colleges housed in school buildings, creation of more seats in colleges by creating additional facilities and improving the reach of higher education by strengthening the campus of open learning.

Promotion of Urdu language

†2433. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any plan for giving promotion and recognition to Urdu language under article 345 and 347 of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this plan is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of teachers in NVs and KVs

2434. SHRI O. T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge shortage of trained teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, school-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.