

and development of its permanent campus, it has been functioning from rented buildings. It has, however, developed the necessary facilities, like class rooms, laboratories, library and hostels, and has 300 students enrolled for 17 courses/programmes. The number of teachers and non-teaching staff presently working in the University is 49 and 25, respectively.

Playgrounds of colleges of Delhi University

2201. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that colleges affiliated to Delhi University have their own playgrounds to promote sports but many colleges have rented there grounds to private individuals/clubs to run commercial activities;

(b) if so, the details of such grounds;

(c) the consideration behind the decision of college authorities to rent/sub let playgrounds to private parties; and

(d) whether alternate arrangements have been made for students/sports persons of the colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The University of Delhi is a statutory autonomous body and the colleges affiliated thereto are governed by the Delhi University Act, 1922, the Statutes and Ordinances framed thereunder. According to the information furnished by the University, it has, vide its circular dated 22nd November, 2006, advised the colleges not to lend their premises for commercial purposes. No centralized information in regard to misuse of the playgrounds, if any, is maintained by the Central Government.

Installation of Satellite Interactive Terminals for EDUSAT

2202. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested for the financial assistance for installation of Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) in Maharashtra for EDUSAT under ICT scheme or any other scheme deemed fit;

- (b) if so, Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Human Resource Development is mainly implementing: (i) National Mission on Education through ICT which primarily focuses on higher education institutions; and (ii) the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools" with the objective of establishing an enabling environment to promote the usage of ICT in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary schools for imparting computer literacy and computer aided learning. The proposal of the State of Maharashtra for financial assistance for installation of Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) in Maharashtra for EDUSAT received in this Ministry in August, 2008, is not covered under the two Schemes.

Standard of primary education in rural areas

2203. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the standard of education in rural areas is poor and only 38 per cent Class V students can solve division sums;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to improve the standard of primary education in rural areas;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated for primary education and how much of this fund was diverted for other purposes; and
- (d) the steps taken to check misuse of funds meant for primary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts National Learners' Achievement Survey for classes 3, 5 and 8 periodically. Till now two rounds of achievement surveys have been conducted. In the case of class 5 Mathematics, there has been an improvement in learning levels from 46.51% in the 1st round to 48.46% in the 2nd round of achievement survey. In language, there has been an improvement from 58.57% in the 1st round to 60.31% in the 2nd round, and in Environmental studies the improvement