

- (a) whether Government is considering to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a Kendriya Vidyalaya is being considered for Bageshwar district in Uttarakhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) Approval has been accorded to open 107 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the country during remaining period of the Eleventh Plan, *i.e.* 2010-11 and 2011-12. Order for opening of 71 KVs has been issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) on 10.07.2010.

(c) and (d) KVS has already issued order on 10.07.2010 for opening of a new KV at Bageshwar in Uttarakhand state.

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Students in higher education**

633. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the percentage of our students going for higher education is much less when compared with those in other developing and developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to bring this percentage to the level of developed countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time-frame by which Government expects to accomplish this target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) measures the number of students enrolled for higher studies as a percentage of population in the age cohort group of 18-24 year. The GER for higher education in the country is estimated to be 12.4%. According to the information available from the website of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the GER for the world on average is 26%.

(c) to (e) The Eleventh Five Year Plan document targets the achievement of GER of 21% by the terminal year of the Twelfth Plan with an interim target of 15% by the end of the Eleventh Plan. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, establishment of Central Universities in hitherto uncovered States has been envisaged. The Strategy for increasing enrolment includes

establishment of new institutions of higher learning in the Central sector such as Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, National Institutes of Technology and Schools of Planning and Architecture, incentivizing States for establishment of new institutions by establishment of model degree colleges in districts where the GER is below the national level and expansion of existing institutions by policy interventions and schemes aimed at increasing access and opportunities for pursuit of higher education.

#### **Implementation of Right to Education Act**

634. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has sought time for the implementation of Right to Education Act in the State; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala had submitted a Memorandum welcoming the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 as a marker of change for quality elementary education. The Department of School Education and Literacy has held consultations with State Governments for implementation of the provisions of the RTE Act as per the time frames mandated in the Act.

#### **Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas**

635. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of huge demand for Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) across the country from State Governments as well as from Central Government organizations;

(b) if so, how many KVs are likely to be opened during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period as well Twelfth Five Year Plan period, the details particularly in respect of Rajasthan, Orissa and Delhi, location-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the estimated cost of each new KV indicating the budgetary allocation made during 2010-12 period in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the demand for new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) from various quarters, Government has accorded approval for 107 KVs during the remaining period of Eleventh Five Year Plan (i.e. 2010-11 and 2011-12). Order for opening of 71 KVs has been issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) on 10.07.2010. The State-list of these 71 KVs is given in Statement (See below).