

(c) to (e) The Plan funds allocated to IGNOU during the last 5 years are as under—

Year	Amount (in crores)
2000-01	42.00
2001-02	56.00
2002-03	35.30
2003-04	20.00
2004-05	67.00

During the years 2002-03 and 2003-04, Plan grants were released to IGNOU only on an *ad hoc* basis, as the approval for the continuance of the scheme of IGNOU and Open Learning System during the Tenth Plan was under process.

Upgradation of skills of women

4064. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiatives to upgrade the skills of women through training;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the number of women in the organised sector who are expected to be benefited, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Swawlamban Scheme, previously known as NORAD, aims at providing training and skills to poor and needy Women in both traditional and non-traditional trades to enable them obtain employment or self-employment on a sustained basis. It lays focus on the women from weaker sections such as scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

The Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) Scheme aims at providing training and skill upgradation of women in traditional sectors enabling them enhance their earning capacity. It also has a component of various support services.

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(c) The schemes predominantly cover women from the unorganized sector. The targets envisaged for training of women during 2005-06 are 49,000 under Swawlamban and 40,000 under the Support to Training; and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) Scheme. No State-wise targets have been fixed.

Urdu University in Rampur

4065. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that there is an effort by the U.P. Government to establish a Urdu University in Rampur;

(b) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry to facilitate establishment of such a University as soon as possible;

(c) the grant given to the Maulana Azad Open Urdu University of Hyderabad during the last five years; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to increase the grant to this University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The incorporation, regulation and winding up of Universities is within the competence of the State Legislature, subject to the powers of the Parliament and the Concurrent provisions of the Constitution in respect of the subject of Education.

(c) The details of grants given to the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, a Central University, during the last five years is as under—

Year	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	Total
Grants released (Rs. in Lakhs)	400.00	406.50	750.00	672.00	47.25	2275.75

(d) Yes, Sir. On the request of the University the Tenth Plan allocation has been increased from Rs. 7.59 crores to Rs. 9.91 crores by the UGC.

Availability of Urdu text books In Bihar

4066. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: