

under Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS). Loans are given under Schemes of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC). The details of achievements for the year 2004-05 are as under:

Name of Scheme	Persons benefited
VTCs under DDRS runs by 196 NGOs	17,043
General Loan Scheme of concessional rate of interest under NHFDC	3,282
Vocational Training/ Counselling by SVNIRTAR	1,186

Academic staff colleges

†*625. SHRI KAMALAKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of universities where Academic Staff Colleges are being run;

(b) the number of universities where such colleges have been established by Government during the last five years; and

(c) the number of universities where Government plan to open such colleges during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 50 universities and one other Institution have Academic Staff Colleges. During the last five years the UGC has established six Academic Staff Colleges. The Commission is considering the proposal for the establishment of an Academic Staff College at Jammu University, Jammu (J&K) during 2005-06.

Swimming pools in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*628. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a 14 year old student recently drowned in the swimming pool at the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Andrews Ganj, New Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.