- (d) To redress the problem of shortage of trained teachers at elementary level, the following steps are being taken:-
 - (i) National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has relaxed its norms for setting up of Elementary Teacher Education Institutions for preparing Elementary Teachers, in order to meet the requirement of additional teachers arising due to opening of new primary schools and upgradation of primary schools to upper primary schools.
 - (ii) For training of untrained teachers, specially designed courses through the distance-mode are being conducted by IGNOU which include Certificate in Primary Education Course (CPE) for the North-Eastern Region and a two year Diploma Course for certain other States in the country, based on State-specific requirements.
 - (iii) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), funds are allocated for special training of 60-days for untrained teachers.
 - (iv) In Districts where there were no Government Elementary Teacher Training Institutions, new District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET)/District Resource Centres (DRCs) have been sanctioned for pre-service and in-service training of elementary teachers.

College running under universities in public and private sectors

†1259. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that colleges are being run under universities in public as well as the private sectors in the country;
 - (b) if so, the number of colleges running in these sectors, separately;
 - (c) the admission capacity of students in these colleges; and
- (d) the number of students admitted in these colleges by the end of December, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) During the year 2003-04, 4610 Government colleges and 12275 Non-Government colleges were reported to be functioning in the country.
- (c) The admission capacity in a college is fixed in accordance with the norms of the concerned State Government and University affiliating such colleges.
- (d) In the year 2003-04, approximately 87 lakh students were enrolled in all these affiliated colleges.

Paucity of technical experts

†1260. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is paucity of technical experts against the requirement of technical industry in the country;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard and the number of institutions imparting technical education in the country; and
- (c) the average number of students to whom technical education is imparted annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The ratio of graduates in technical education to overall population is less in India compared to that in developed countries. The number of engineering degree colleges (as on 1.12.2004) approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is 1355 with sanctioned annual intake of about 4.59 lakhs.

Mushrooming of Management Institutes

1261. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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