(a) whether Government has decided to set up 600 community colleges across the country for imparting vocational education to students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of their locations, State-wise;

(c) whether any of these colleges will be set up in Puri, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh and Sambalpur in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

Agreement of IIT-Kanpur and IIM-Kozhikode with Yale University

†2731. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renowned Yale University of America has entered into an agreement on leadership programme with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Yale University of America has entered into an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode, on exchange of scientific, academic and technical information, appropriate academic material and other information of mutual interest related to the domain of academic leadership for which each party holds intellectual property rights. This also includes identification of opportunities for exchange, co-operation and joint workshops, seminars, courses and conferences related to academic leadership and management alongwith other associated topics of mutual interest. Two Centres of Excellence of Academic Leadership (CEAL) are proposed to be established in India, one each at IIT, Kanpur Extension Centre, Noida and IIM, Kozhikode.

Irregularities in IITs

2732. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of financial and other irregularities have been reported from the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) located in various parts of the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.