

Students attacked in Australia and Canada

†3496. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students attacked in Australia and Canada on racial grounds during last five years;
- (b) the number of students killed in the above said attacks; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to prevent such attacks on Indian students in the above said countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No such attacks on Indian students have been accepted by the Australian and Canadian authorities to be racially motivated. Government of India at the Ministerial level as well as through the High Commission and the Consulates has been taking up the incidents of assaults on members of Indian community including students, with the Australian authorities, at federal and state levels, resulting in several measures being put into place to improve safety and security of Indians in Australia. The High Commission of India and Consulates in Australia have also been in constant touch with the Indian community to offer support and assistance and follow-up on all reported cases of attacks.

Steps to cater to additional intake of students

3497. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether emphasis on free and compulsory education at primary level is bound to expand intake of children at secondary and further levels manyfold;
- (b) if so, the plans of Government to widen infrastructure and man-power requirements for secondary education and further levels to meet this additional intake;
- (c) the details of expected expenditure involved and plans to meet the same; and
- (d) the details of plans Government has to bring about 15 million children, estimated to be engaged in some form of work, into the stream of education?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.