

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government has taken on the Sri Lankan request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government of India's assistance has been sought by the Government of Sri Lanka for its Ten year National Master Plan to move Sri Lanka towards a Trilingual (Sinhala, Tamil and English) Society'. An Indian delegation visited Sri Lanka, recently.

New guidelines for private higher educational institutions

1159. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated new guidelines for private higher educational institutions operating in our country;
- (b) if so, whether the guidelines are aimed at promoting openness and accountability in educational institutions; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) A legislative proposal, namely, "Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical Educational Institutions, Medical Educational Institutions and Universities Bill, 2010" has been introduced in Parliament. The Bill provides for mandatory disclosures by all higher educational institutions in regard to information relevant to their functioning through the 'Prospectus'.

Partnership of educational institutions with foreign universities

1160. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many educational institutions in the country have entered into partnership with the foreign universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that such partnership will bring quality education to the country; and