

undergraduate, postgraduate, M.Phil, Ph.D & Diploma/Certificate Courses). Details of available information are given below :

(i)	Students enrolment (Men + Women)	:	2164920
(ii)	Women students out of total (i) above	:	1003002
(iii)	SC women students out of total students	:	114633 (5.29%)
(iv)	Percentage of SC women students out of total women students	:	11.42%

(c) In order to ensure wider coverage and access, a substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in XIth Plan, for the expansion of higher education, by way of setting up of new institutions such as Central Universities in un-covered States, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, and Schools of Planning and Architecture etc. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to incentivize States to set up new State Universities/Colleges as well as strengthen existing Universities and Colleges has been approved by the National Development Council for XIth Plan. This scheme envisages setting up of institutions preferably in locations predominately inhabited by SCs/STs/educationally backward minorities so as to address concerns of equity. Similarly, a scheme has also been launched for assisting States to establish model degree colleges in 374 districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) less than national GER. In addition, Government provides financial assistance through UGC, towards Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women, Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme for Girls, Development of Centres for Women's Studies in Universities and Colleges, assistance for Womens' Hostels for Colleges, Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education and Establishment of Day Care Centres in Colleges. Further the Government provides Junior Research Fellowships under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships as well as post-doctoral fellowship for SC/ST candidates through the UGC which can be availed by women.

Vocational education under NPE

1190. DR. AKHILESH DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Policy on Education (NPE) envisages introduction of systematic, well-planned and rigorously implemented programmes of vocational education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of vocational education in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) has envisaged vocational education to be a distinct stream, intended to prepare students for identified occupations spanning several areas of activity. Accordingly, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education was started in 1988. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for introduction of vocational courses in Government and Govt. aided higher secondary schools.

(c) As per information furnished by Government of Uttar Pradesh, vocational education is being imparted in 892 selected secondary schools and there were 73215 students enrolled in vocational stream during 2009-10. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, no grant has been released to Government of Uttar Pradesh since 2007-08.

Promotion of agriculture based industries

1191. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people who earn their livelihood from agriculture and agriculture based industries in the country including the hilly States like Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the percentage of the contribution of agriculture based industries to the country's economy;

(c) whether Government is taking any additional measures for promotion of agriculture based industries in the country particularly hilly States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) According to the Population Census-2001, 23.6 per