

Establishment of Centres by AMU

1182. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has announced establishment of its Centres at Murshidabad, West Bengal and Malappuram, Kerala;

(b) if so, the courses offered by these Centres;

(c) whether the AMU Act allows opening of its Centres at different places in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons for opening of these Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Courses offered at these Centres are B.A. LLB (05 years integrated) and M.B.A (02 years).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Not applicable, in view of above.

Improvement of teaching and research at IITs

1183. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is drawing up a blueprint for improving the quality of teaching and research at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to bring them at par with Chinese institutes in science, engineering and research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is deputing a team of experts to China to familiarize themselves about the Chinese institutes; and

(d) does this mean education reforms and looking for tips from China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) With a view to draw a road map for autonomy and

future of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) as world-class institutions for research and higher learning, a Committee has been set up under the leadership of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Board of Governors of IIT-Bombay. One of the objectives of the Committee is to understand the best practices in Engineering, Science, Education and Research in some of the world class Universities. Keeping in view the fact that the system prevalent in China has not only successfully scaled up the number of Under Graduate, Post-Graduate and Doctoral programmes, but also significantly improved the quality of higher education in that country, which may be relevant for India too, the Committee visited China in the first week of November, 2010.

Setting up of NCHER

1184. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force had earlier been set up by Government to prepare a draft Bill for a National Commission on Higher Education and Research (NCHER), an omnibus regulatory body to bring academic, technical, professional, medical and legal education under its purview;

(b) whether the medical and legal fraternity have been demanding separate exclusive regulatory bodies, outside the purview of the proposed NCHER; and

(c) if so, the Government's stance thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Concerns have been expressed from certain sections of the medical and legal fraternity over certain provisions of the draft Bill.

(c) The legislative proposal will be finalized only after consultations with all concerned.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme

†1185. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) whether Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is being implemented by the Central Government;

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