

**Shortage of skilled human and educational resources**

\*320. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing shortage of both skilled human resources and educational resources;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for higher education in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Availability of skilled manpower *vis-a-vis* demand varies from time to time and from skill to skill. Government endeavours to make need-based allocations for higher, technical and vocational education so as to promote skilled manpower. Besides, Boards of Secondary Education, Universities and other appropriate bodies regularly revise courses and develop new courses to meet demand for skilled manpower.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

**Job opportunities in non-farm sector under PMRY**

2001. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to create extra job opportunities in non-farm sector under the PMRY;

(b) If so, the details thereof, especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY),