

PROF. P.J. KURIAN: What hon. Minister replied is about the procedure to set up a college or an autonomous college. My question is: What is the policy of the Government with regard to autonomous colleges, whether to increase the autonomous colleges or not. That is my question. He has not replied to that. He should reply to this question first.

My second supplementary is this. Second part of the reply says, 'Presently there is no autonomous college in the State of Kerala'. I would also like to know why is there no autonomous college in Kerala? Is it the fault of the Government of Kerala or the Universities or is it that the Central Government is not taking any initiative in this? What initiative the Central Government will take to ensure that there would be more autonomous colleges in Kerala? The hon. Minister may reply to my first supplementary and this supplementary.

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: सर, इसमें हमें कोई भी इनीशिएटिव लेने की जरूरत नहीं है...(व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति: यह आपके पहले क्वेश्चन का जवाब है।

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: जी, सर। जहां तक केरल का सवाल है, वहां के सात कॉलेजों ने एप्लाई किया है। यह प्रोपोजल हमारे पास है और 31.03.2006 को इस पर आगे की कार्यवाही होगी। हम लोग स्टेट के खिलाफ नहीं हैं, यदि केरल चाहे तो अपना प्रोपोजल भेज सकता है, यूजीसी उस पर स्वयं ध्यान देगी।

*316. [The questioner (Shri Vasant Chavan) was absent. For answer vide page 48]

Scholarship to engineering students

*317. **SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes are under implementation by Government to provide merit scholarship to engineering students;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of students being given scholarship, State-wise, and the eligibility criteria laid down therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of scholarships being given is far less considering the size of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the number of scholarships in engineering field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (d) At the national level, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are providing scholarships specifically for engineering students as detailed below:—

| Sl. No. | Body which gives Scholarship | Name of the Scholarship | Total No. of Scholarships | Eligibility criteria | Rate of Scholarship per month |
|---------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | CBSE Merit | CBSE Merit Scholarship for professional Studies. | 350 every year | On the basis of rank in All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) conducted by CBSE | Rs. 1,000/- per month |
| 2. | AICTE | Scholarship under the scheme of Post-Graduate Education & Research in Technical Education. | 4569 during 2004-05. | All non-sponsored students qualifying in Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and taking admission in AICTE approved PG courses in Engineering | Scholarship: Rs. 5,000/- per month Contingency Grant: Rs. 5000/- per annum |

Being merit based, the above scholarships are not allocated State-wise.

The CBSE scholarship mentioned above has been introduced for the first time this year. There is always scope for granting more scholarships for engineering courses, but this can be done only to the extent of available budgetary allocation and keeping various competing requirements in view.

SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, hon. Minister has stated in his reply that scholarship given to engineering students by CBSE is Rs. 1,000 per month. This is a very meagre amount, considering the actual expenditure incurred by students. So, will the hon. Minister consider to increase the amount to, at least, Rs. 2,000 per month?

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: सर, यह 1000 रुपये, जिसका जिक्र उन्होंने किया है, यह सीबीएसई अपनी तरफ से देती है, इसलिए यह फौरन तो सीबीएसई वालों को स्वयं करना है। लेकिन माननीय सदस्य की जो भावना है, उसे मैं उन तक अवश्य पहुंचा दूंगा।

SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Sir, my second supplementary is this. Many students who belong to SC, ST and OBC are unable to pursue engineering course since a very few scholarships are being given. The number of scholarships given is not sufficient. So, will the hon. Minister increase the number of scholarships given to the students belonging to SC, ST and OBC?

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: सर, सेड्यूल्ड कास्ट और सेड्यूल्ड ट्राइब्स के लिए जो अलग से मंत्रालय है, वह इन स्कॉलरशिप्स को प्रोवाइड करता है और वे लोग उससे फायदा भी उठाते हैं, बल्कि जो लोग खास तौर से इंजीनियरिंग में जाते हैं, उन सभी को स्कॉलरशिप मिलती है।

*318. [The questioner (Shri Rajaav Shukla) was absent. For answer vide page 49]

*319. [The questioner (Shri S.S. Ahluwalia) was absent. For answer vide page 50]

*320. [The questioner (Shri P.K. Maheehwari) was absent. For answer vide page 52]

DR. K. MALAISAMY: Sir, congratulations to you for taking up all the twenty Questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us go for second round. Question No. 302. Smt. Kum Kum Rai.