

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) More than 10.59 crore children studying in classes I to VIII in 12.61 lakh Government, Government aided, local body and National Child Labour Project schools, in the country, are getting cooked and nutritious mid-day meals. To ensure effective implementation of the scheme, there is a detailed monitoring mechanism at the school, block, district, State and the National level. According to the reports of the State Governments, till 30th September 2010, 5,20,891 inspections have been carried out. Government of India Review Missions on Mid Day Meal Scheme comprising members from Central Government, State Government, UNICEF and Office of Supreme Court Commissioner have reviewed the scheme in five States during 2009-11. In addition 36 independent Monitoring Institutes have been engaged with defined terms of reference to monitor and supervise the Scheme on a biannual basis. The Supreme Court Commissioners have also evaluated the scheme in six States of the country.

#### **Duping of Indian students in United States**

1018. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report about hundreds of Indian students, mostly from Andhra Pradesh, facing the prospect of deportation from the US after authorities raided and shut down a university in the Silicon Valley on charges of a massive immigration fraud; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Tri Valley University in California, which was closed down on 19 January 2011 for alleged fraudulent practices by authorities in the United States, had enrolled approximately 1500 Indian students, including those from Andhra Pradesh. The Government has repeatedly raised with the U.S. Government, including during the recent visits of External Affairs Minister and the Foreign Secretary, its strong concerns in the matter as well as the welfare of the students and their academic future in the United States. The United States

Government has conveyed that it would seek to provide innocent students an adequate opportunity to transfer to other universities, adjust their status or, otherwise, leave the country honourably. The Government expects the US Government to take steps to prevent such universities from being set up and exploiting foreign students. Government also hopes that Indian students will exercise due vigilance in applying to foreign universities.

#### **Admission of EWS children in schools in Delhi**

1019. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether public schools in Delhi have shown their reluctance to admit the children belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the society;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has come forward with a proposal to reimburse the school fees for EWS seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that no public school in Delhi has denied admission to the children belonging to the economically weaker section (EWS) of the society.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of NCT of Delhi has a proposal to reimburse the expenditure incurred by the schools for providing free and compulsory elementary education to the economically weaker section students as per the provision under Section 12(2) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

#### **Spending on education**

1020. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of education being a very important component of human capital formation, Education Commission long back recommended that at least six per cent of GDP should be spent on education;