

Rs. 16126.14 lakh *vide* sanction dated 01.02.2011 as 3rd instalment of 2010-2011 for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme in Punjab.

(c) Question does not arise.

University status for NCERT

1023. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to grant university status to the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT);

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the outcome of the study conducted by Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Government has not taken any decision to grant university status to National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). However, a Committee has been constituted in November, 2010 to examine the desirability and feasibility of conversion of NCERT into a university.

University for craftsmen, artisans and labourers

1024. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal regarding establishment of a separate university for providing specialized degrees to craftsmen, artisans and labourers, a fast dwindling species, has been received and is under active consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by what time a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).