

of colleges receiving UGC grant under the stream of food processing courses in the North Eastern Region, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Haryana are as below:—

Sl. No.	State	No. of UGC grantee colleges	No. of Professional colleges approved by AICTE	
			Diploma Level	Degree level
1	North East	11	1	-
2	Jammu & Kashmir	5	1	-
3	Punjab	5	9	2
4	Haryana	9	1	2

According to Ministry of Food Processing Industries, their document Vision-2015 envisages trebling the size of the processed food sector in next 10 years by increasing level of processing from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global agricultural trade from 1.5% to 3%. A nine point strategy recommended to achieve this vision has been suggested, *inter alia*, strengthening institutional framework to develop manpower and R&D capabilities to address global challenges.

Financial assistance for revised pay in A.P.

3029. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Union Government for 80 per cent of the financial assistance under Revised University Grants Commission Scales of Pay, 1996 for affiliated Degree and Post Graduate Colleges in the State reminded in this regard *vide* Dir. No. 11340/Trg./A2/2002 dated 10th February, 2005.

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of releasing financial assistance in this regard at the earliest; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had approached the Union Government (Ministry of Human Resource Development) in June, 1999 requesting for 80% of the Central assistance under Revised University Grants Commission Scale of Pay, 1996 for teachers in universities and colleges. An amount of

Rs. 132.73 crores (as 80% of Central share) was released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Amount released (Rs. in crores)
1.	1999-2000	80.00
2.	2000-01	50.00
3.	2001-02	2.73
TOTAL:		132.73

However, the State Government has been approached to provide details about the stated reminder.

Package for Uchcha Prathmik Schools

†3030. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special package has been prepared by Government to bring educational standard of all Uchcha Prathmik Schools across the country at par with Kendriya Vidyalayas under the programme for improvement in the quality of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement to mobilize financial resources for the expenditure to be incurred for the implementation of the schemes; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) aims to provide useful and relevant elementary education of satisfactory quality, for all children in the 6—14 years age group. Towards this objective several activities have been undertaken in the SSA *inter alia*, recruitment of 5.87 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratios, inservice training of about 30 lakhs teachers each year, free distribution of textbooks to about 5.35 crore Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe and girl students, regular academic support to primary

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