Grants for minority education

- 1813. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the proportion of the total budget earmarked for education in 2010-11 that has been targeted for minorities; and
- (b) the actual amount of funds released through the UGC to the Central Universities in the year 2010-11 with the aim of promotion of education among minorities, over and above the normal plan grant and the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The schemes of the Ministry of Human Resource Development amenable to earmarking of financial and physical targets for minorities have been implemented to ensure maximum school access and eliminating infrastructure gaps in Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs). Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been operationalised in all MCDs, Rs.447875.36 lakhs have been allocated to 121 MCDs/Areas under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 2010-11. 100% allocations under Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and Scheme for Infrastructure Development of Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes (IDMI) are targeted for minorities. Whereas University Grants Commission (UGC) does not earmark budgetary allocations separately for minorities, under the Scheme of Setting up of Model Degree Colleges in 374 educationally backward districts, 64 MCDs have been identified. Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has been granted Rs.3500.00 lakhs over and above the General Development Grants for establishment of campuses at Murshidabad (West Bengal) and Malapuram (Kerala) and Rs.2615.00 lakhs to Maulana Azad National Urdu University to implement the recommendations of Sachar Committee.

Promotion of girls' education

1814. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the proportion of total education budget that would probably be targeted for the girls' education in the country;
- (b) whether the scheme to promote secondary education among girls through deposit of a sum of Rs. 3000 for girls passing class VII continues till date;