

(ix) Bhoj University

(x) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

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Setting up of international technical institution in Singapore

1798. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is in the process of setting up an international technical institution in Singapore;

(b) whether some committee/core group has been set up to prepare the project report to interact with Indo-Singapore Project Agency;

(c) the probable names of the members of the committee/group;

(d) the reaction of Singapore Government to this ambitious proposal;

(e) the details of the courses to be provided by the proposed institution in Singapore; and

(f) the criteria for admission in the proposed institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Singapore Government had suggested formation of a Joint Working Group (JWG) at the Government-to-Government level for setting up of an International Institute of Technology at Singapore. However, this Ministry is of the view that a working group at institutional level would be more appropriate especially since the proposed institute is to be set up by the IITs and not by the Government of India. This Ministry has recommended the names of the members for JWG from India side. The Government of Singapore has not yet suggested their representative for the JWG.

(e) and (f) Does not arise at present.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan

†1799. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Jan Shikshan Sansthan scheme of the Union Government is being run through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in all districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs.50 lakh are being given to every NGO per annum for providing special education to the poor under this scheme but these NGOs are utilizing the amount for their personal benefit by misusing this amount;

(c) if so, whether action would be taken after conducting special inspection of Hardoi, Lakhimpur, Unnao, Basti districts etc.;

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Jan Shikshan Sansthan Scheme of the Union Government, which is run through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), is currently under implementation in 51 districts in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Making secondary education accessible through RMSA and NIOS

1800. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current enrolment rate for secondary education, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to activate Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) to achieve universal secondary education; and

(c) whether the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) can be leveraged to make secondary education accessible for disadvantaged students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per Abstract of Statistics of School Education 2008-09 (provisional) compiled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) at secondary level (classes IX - X) as on 30.09.2008 was 59.82 % State-wise details are given in the Statement (See below).