

begun progressively removing radio collars from 18 students and 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 Indian Mission in the United States is regularly meeting students and providing appropriate guidance and advisories. A free legal aid camp for the affected students was also organized in San Francisco.

Vocational education curriculum

539. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to develop a national vocational education curriculum framework for students to help spread of vocational education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any consultation recently with State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the outcome of the dialogue and stand of various State Governments in respect of spreading vocational education system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development has initiated the process of developing a National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework (NVEQF) for a nationally recognized qualification system, covering secondary schools, vocational education institutes, polytechnics, colleges and institutes of higher education.

(c) and (d) The Ministry had organized consultation meetings on 14.12.2010 and 20.1.2011 with State Education Ministers (in charge of Vocational Education). All the States represented at the meetings endorsed the initiative of the Ministry.

Annual Status of Education Report

540. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) released recently, it has been found that the quality of education in rural parts of the country is still lagging;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether Government has given any direction to the States to give due attention to the rural people in providing quality education;