

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure appropriate review of TRAI's outcomes based on rigour of process, legality, economic accuracy and propriety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has sent a consolidated proposal to Department of Telecommunications to consider various amendments in the TRAI Act, 1997 in 2008. The proposals sent by TRAI were examined in the Department of Telecom in consultation with other concerned Ministry/Department. In August, 2010 the finalized views were sent to TRAI for its comments/suggestions. While giving its comments TRAI has also suggested further amendments to the Act. The revised proposals received from TRAI are being examined by the Department.

(e) The functioning of TRAI is already subject to examination/review by various Parliamentary Committees like Standing Committee on IT, Committee on Subordinate Legislations, Committee on Papers Laid etc.

#### **Manusmriti as part of syllabus in universities**

678. SHRIMATI PRAMOD KUREEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manusmriti is being taught in Sanskrit department in some colleges of Delhi University as a part of the regular syllabus;

(b) whether it is a fact that shlokas denigrating some communities, especially Dalit community are also being taught in the same;

(c) whether Government is planning to withdraw Manusmriti from syllabus in DU and elsewhere wherever it is being taught; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, some Statements in Chapter-II may be said to reflect social biases.

(c) and (d) The University has informed that Chapter-II of Manusmriti has not been included in the revised semester based syllabi of B.A. (Hons) Sanskrit course, to be implemented from the academic session *i.e.* 2011-12. However, the syllabi of Sanskrit course titled 'Sanskrit Sahitya mein Samajik Bhavana' and of 'Dharma Shastra' paper in M.A. Sanskrit Part-II has not been changed. It has held that hierarchical organisation of the society that was in vogue in Manu's time is outdated, however, a study of the text is important to inculcate in its

students the ability to adopt a critical approach to such texts and strengthen the spirit of democracy, equality, social justice and tolerance in them.

#### **Opening of Indo-Canadian Policy Research Centre**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal before Government to open an Indo-Canadian Policy Research Centre in one of the Universities in the country to strengthen economic and cultural relations between India and Canada;

(b) if so, whether Government has identified the university where this centre has to be opened; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir; there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **More graduate level colleges and engineering institutions in Delhi**

‡680. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of students fail to get admission into colleges after passing the twelfth class in Delhi;

(b) whether keeping in view the rising population of Delhi and for the students of other States, there are very limited seats in engineering colleges in Delhi;

(c) whether proposals are under consideration to open new graduate level colleges and engineering colleges/ institutions in Delhi in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Delhi, being the capital, attracts good students from all over the country for admission in graduate courses including engineering courses. The existing capacity of the colleges in Delhi is not adequate to meet the increasing aspirations of students to study in the best colleges of Delhi. In order to provide quality higher education to the students in their own locality, UGC is assisting State universities and colleges through its various schemes of expansion of higher education through opening new colleges, and strengthening the existing ones,

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