

Setting up of Science Magnet Navodaya Schools

711. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) when the Ministry proposed to set up 10 Science Magnet Navodaya (SMN) Schools with an estimated cost of Rs. 15-20 crores each;
- (b) the details of places where the above schools proposed to set up;
- (c) the details of institutions with whose collaboration the above SMN Schools planned to set up; and
- (d) the progress of each of the above school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is a proposal to set up 10 Residential Science Magnet schools with classes 9 to 12 so as to develop interest of talented students in basic science.

(b) to (d) The exact locations of the proposed schools and the monitoring scientific institutions have not been decided yet.

Vacant posts of trainers in Bihar

†712. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total number of posts of trainers in Bihar according to the report of Centre's District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) and the number of posts vacant out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): According to the Annual Work Plan (2011-12) received from the Government of Bihar, the total number of sanctioned academic posts in the 24 DIETs in Bihar is 268, out of which, 136 posts are filled up and remaining 132 posts are vacant.

Identification of universities as Centres of Excellence

713. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many universities in the country have been identified by the university Grants Commission as Centres of Excellence;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

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