

ensure access and participation of each child of 6-14 years in elementary schooling. In addition, SSA also provides for specific interventions for girls, SC, ST, and Muslim community. Mid-Day Meal programme also complements the strategy to ensure access and participation of each child of 6-14 years in elementary schooling.

Requests of foreign universities for opening their institutions

†1489. SHRI PRAVIN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal regarding entry and running of foreign universities and educational institutions in the country has been finalized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of foreign institutions whose requests have been received by Government; and
- (d) the States in which requests have been received to start these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) A legislative proposal, namely, the Foreign Educational Institutions (Regulation for Entry and Operations) Bill, 2010 has been introduced in Parliament on 3.5.2010 and has been referred to the department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development.

- (b) The proposed law seeks to put in place a mechanism to facilitate the entry and regulation of reputed foreign educational institutions, while preventing the entry of those of dubious quality.
- (c) No request has been received in this regard.
- (d) Question does not arise.

Accreditation of schools by CBSE

1490. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CBSE is likely to start accreditation of schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent it is likely to improve the performance of schools?

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.