

MoU between IISC, Bangalore and a foreign company

1468. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how did Government allow an MoU between Huawei Technologies and IISC, Bangalore when our own intelligence units have maintained that Huawei Technologies is a front-end spy company of China; and

(b) the reasons for the country's premier institution's security being compromised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No Sir. No specific approval was accorded.

(b) The Institution's security is not being compromised.

Uniform education system

†1469. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to improve the level of education in rural areas;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to implement uniform education system in the whole country scrapping dual education system so that the rich and the poor students could get similar education;

(c) whether to improve the level of education Government is going to bring change in training for better teachers or whether the teachers would be trained under the same outdated system; and

(d) the number of training centres opened by Government so far, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) provides for a National System of Education, which implies that up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. It also accords priority for improvement of the standard of education at all levels for children living in rural and urban areas.

The NPE recognizes that the rural areas, with poor infrastructure services, will not get the benefit of trained and educated youth, unless rural-urban disparities are reduced and

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