

Scholarships for SC and ST girls for pursuing higher studies

***273. SHRI AVTAR SINGH KARIMPURI:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to grant scholarship to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe girls for pursuing higher studies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any guidelines have since been formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) A Central Sector Scheme for grant of scholarships for college and university students is already under implementation. The scheme provides 82000 scholarships per annum, out of which 41000 scholarships are for girls. 15% and 7.5% of this is earmarked for SC/ST girl students respectively.

- (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) Guidelines for the Central Sector Scheme of scholarships for college and university students have been issued.

PPP between educational institutions and food manufacturers

***274. SHRI D. RAJA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a policy covering Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP) between publicly funded educational institutions and commercial food manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether guidelines have been made for publicly funded universities to enter into PPP with commercial food manufacturers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether he is aware that food company Nestle has entered into PPP with publicly funded educational institutions; and
- (f) if so, the details of the partnerships and the objectives thereof?