Appointment of Director in Central Hindi Institute, Agra

†2701. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the post of Director in the Central Hindi Institute, Agra is lying vacant for the last three years;
- (b) whether a committee of the concerned department has recommended a panel of applicants after completing the selection process by advertising the above post;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and whether those applicants fulfil the conditions of selection mentioned in the advertisement;
 - (d) if so, by when Government will fill the said post; and
- (e) if not, the immediate steps proposed to be taken by Government for making appointment to the said post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The post of Director, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS), Agra, fell vacant on 28.11.2008. Since then it is under the additional charge. After following the due process, an offer of appointment has been issued for Prof. Mohan, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, *vide* Ministry of Human Resource Development's O.M. No. 3-12/2008-Languages-I (Volume-II) dated 25.8.2011.

Establishment of IIT in Kerala

2702. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that establishment of an IIT is a long standing demand of the State Government of Kerala and project report was submitted to Government and land was identified in Palakkad district in Kerala for the purpose;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this demand was not included in the IITs allotted during the Eleventh Plan period; and
 - (d) if so, whether Government will consider this demand in Twelfth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A number of State Governments, including the Government of Kerala requested for setting up of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in their

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

respective States. Based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM) and also having regard to the regional imbalance, the Government established eight new IITs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. Proper connectivity, physical infrastructure and basic facilities have been kept in view while deciding the locations for setting up these eight new IITs. At present, there is no proposal to establish an IIT in Kerala. The entire budget allocation for new IITs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan has already been allocated for establishing the above 8 new IITs. Proposals for Twelfth Five Year Plan are yet to be taken up.

Support for higher education

2703. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government should step up support for higher education by giving cheap loans and also exploring lending directly to educational institutions as is done in the US; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/to be taken in this direction in the Eleventh Five Year Plan in each State especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The proposal for establishment of National Educational Finance Corporation (NEFC) for providing loans for infrastructure development and expansion of educational institutions, as well as refinance facility for educational loans, was referred to Planning Commission for their concurrence. The proposal has not found favour with the Planning Commission. Hence the proposal was not taken forward. However, educational loans are declared to be a component of priority sector leading as per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) instructions. Bank located in all States, including Andhra Pradesh also have to follow the RBI instructions.

Criteria for recruitment of Lecturers

2704. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria in place with regard to recruitment of Lecturers in colleges;
- (b) the details thereof; and
- (c) whether NET qualification is necessary for Ph.D. holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATID. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has