

issued advisory to all States during December, 2005 to encourage mothers to take turns to come to the school at the time of preparation or serving of mid day meals so as to ensure serving of good quality meal.

Racial profiling of students from North-East

1938. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of racial profiling of students from North-East in Indian Universities has taken place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government is taking to stop this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No such incident has taken place. However, a case was reported from Central University of Hyderabad in which counseling and guidance to some student to control indiscipline was taken out of context and projected as a case of racial profiling.

Vacant teaching posts in Central Universities

1939. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that teaching posts in most Central universities are lying vacant since past few months;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government to fill up the teaching vacancies in all the Central universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total number of sanctioned teaching posts in Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry is 16600 (2386 Professor, 4622 Associate Professor, 8695 Assistant Professor and 897 Others). Out of this, 6529 teaching posts (1221 Professor, 2105 Associate Professor, 3008 Assistant Professor and 195 others) are lying vacant.

(c) Central Universities are autonomous organizations established through legislation and are governed by their relevant Acts, statutes and ordinances. However, as per the information provided by University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has taken up this issue with all the Central Universities repeatedly. Recently, while approving the budget estimates for the year 2011-12 (non plan), these universities have again been requested to fill up the teaching posts at the earliest. Further, in order to meet the situation arising out of shortage of teachers, the age of superannuation for teachers in Central Educational Institutions has been enhanced to 65 years. Besides, subject to availability of vacant positions and fitness, teachers are eligible for reemployment on contract appointment beyond the age of sixty five years up to the age of 70 years.

Operationalisation of RTE Act

1940. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget utilised to operationalise the Right to Education (RTE) Act for the financial year 2010-11;

(b) whether enrolment in the primary schools has gone up for the year 2010-11, as a result of operationalisation of the Act; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) A statement showing details of Central funding provided to States/Union Territories during 2010-11 for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, which has been revised to correspond with the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 is given in statement (See below).

(b) and (c) The RTE Act, 2009 has become operative on 1st April, 2010. As per latest "Statistics of School Education" 2009-10 (provisional), enrolment at primary level has increased from 13.45 crore in 2008-09 to 13.56 crore in 2009-10. Similarly, the upper primary enrolment has increased from 5.54 crore in 2008-09 to 5.94 crore in 2009-10. The overall elementary level enrolment has increased from 19.00 crore in 2008-09 to 19.5 crore in 2009-10. The State-wise details are given in Statement-II.