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RAJYA SABHA

Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme

*3. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include some cities under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for small and medium towns for their beautification and renovation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allotted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to set up Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) to provide reforms linked central assistance for development of urban infrastructure in all cities/towns, except the cities covered under proposed National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM). Details of the scheme have not yet been finalized.

Reduction of seats in Andhra Pradesh

*4. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the AICTE has reduced 1,220 MCA seats and about 4,000 Engineering seats in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the academic year from which the reduction would be operational?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) reduced a total number of 1370 seats in MCA institutions and 5042 seats in Engineering and Technology institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2005-06. During the course of a single comprehensive inspection of institutions, a number of deficiencies including shortage of faculty were observed by the AICTE. For the year 2005-06, the Council decided to focus only on the most critical deficiency i.e. shortage of faculty.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Accordingly, the seats were reduced based on the following parameters and AICTE norm of faculty to student ratio of 1:15:—

1. Faculty strength is 75% or more of required strength	No reduction
2. Faculty strength is between 50 & 75% of required strength	Proportionate reduction
3. Faculty strength is less than 50% of required strength	No admission to a course

The institutions were given an opportunity to recruit the requisite faculty by July 7, 2005 so that the seats reduced could be restored. As a result of compliance by the institutions, 1105 seats in MCA and 3151 seats in Engineering & Technology institutions have since been restored. The reduction in seats unless restored would be effective only for the year 2005-06.

Regularisation of illegal colonies in Delhi

*5. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI KB. KRISHNAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Delhi has urged upon the Central Government to regularize illegally constructed colony viz. Sainik Farms;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) Government's policy for regularizing illegal colonies/constructions in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A communication was received from the Chief Minister, Delhi in February, 2005 with a request to consider regularization of Sainik Farm along with other unauthorized colonies.

(b) The Government has not taken a decision in the matter so far.