Written Answers to

Medical check up of school children in Delhi

3203. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has initiated a scheme for medical check up of school children;

- (b) whether this scheme has since been implemented;
- (c) if so, the number of schools in which this has been introduced;

(d) whether it is proposed to supply free medicines to the school children under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) The Directorate of Health Services, Government of NCT of Delhi has introduced Chacha Nehru Sehat Yojna (CNSY) with effect from 19th November, 2011 for the students of Government schools under the Directorate of Education, Delhi.

(c) Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that out of 954 Government Schools proposed to be covered, the Scheme has since been implemented in 125 schools in the 1st Phase.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Some medicines and medical consumable items are provided free of cost to the school children under this scheme.

Shortage of faculty in technical institutions

3204. SHRI PANKAJ BORA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around nine Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) including the prestigious IITs and IIMs are presently short of more than 3000 faculty members which are above one third of the sanctioned strength;

(b) whether Indian Institute of Science (IIS), Bengaluru does not have even half of its requirements and same is the case with School of Planning and Architecture;

(c) if so, whether Government is taking any step to remove the shortage of faculty members; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) Some of the Centrally Funded Institutions, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), have reported vacancies in faculty.

(c) and (d) The occurrence of vacancies is due to various reasons, including the Institutes' mandate to recruit outstanding faculty with strong research and teaching potential. Arising of vacancies and filling up thereof is a continuous process. Institutes have taken various initiatives for filling up these vacancies, including year-round open advertisement, putting in place various incentives, creating an environment supportive to the academic growth of faculty and implementation of attractive pay scales on the basis of 6th CPC recommendations.

Lack of facilities in schools

3205. SHRI PANKAJ BORA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that education has become a Fundamental Right but some schools in the capital lack facilities like shortage of class rooms and teachers and verandas are being used as class rooms;

(b) whether Government is aware that one such schools in the capital is Government co-ed secondary school in Bhalsa Badli in north Delhi where there are six class rooms and thirteen teachers for around 850 students which is a big anomaly and students distribute mid-day-meals themselves and proper drinking water is also not available; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to take some action to make education a fundamental right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in Government schools in Mumbai

3206. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of Government schools lack basic requirements in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;