

- (a) the details of funds/amounts given/spent in Bihar by the Ministry and its various organisations during the last three years and the current year so far;
- (b) the purposes for which these amounts were given/ spent; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase those funds?

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

Funds for ICSSR

3973. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that adequate funds are required for ICSSR;
- (b) whether Government has planned to increase the financial allocation/ assistance to ICSSR;
- (c) if so, the proposed allocation for ICSSR in the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the details thereof; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Annual Plan Allocation of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the year 2012-13 has been increased to Rs. 100.00 crores from an allocation of Rs. 34.00 crores in 2011-12.

(c) and (d) The Twelfth Five Year Plan Period Allocations have not been finalized by the Government of India.

Introduction of compulsory education

†3974. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether compulsory education has been enforced in the country under the literacy mission;

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(b) if so, the details of steps taken in all the States for implementation of this policy uniformly; and

(c) the details of steps taken in the tribal districts of the country for monitoring of programmes related to compulsory education under the literacy mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Decline in number of students pursuing Ph.D.

†3975. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of students pursuing Ph.D. throughout the country and especially in Mumbai has declined during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of students pursuing Ph.D. during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The trend of number of students pursuing Research (M.Phil & Ph.D. combined) during the last three years in the country is increasing. As reported by University Grants Commission (UGC), approximately 5100 students were pursuing Ph.D. in 2009-10, in 13 universities located in Mumbai.

(c) and (d) As reported by UGC, the year-wise number of students pursuing Research (M.Phil & Ph.D. combined) was 95,872 in 2008-09, 1,17,999 in 2009-10 and 1,37,668 in 2010-11.

Virtual lab for students

†3976. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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