

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government for protection of Indian students, keeping in view increasing incidence of attacks;
- (d) whether victimized student's families are being provided any compensation by the relevant foreign Governments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir, there is no evidence to suggest that attacks on Indian students in foreign countries, especially in UK are increasing. During 2010-12 three incidents of attack on Indian students (one incident every year) have been reported by the High Commission of India in London. Four incidents of attack on Indian students have been reported during 2010-2012 from USA. There have been instances over the past three years wherein Indian students in Australia were attacked. The number of attacks on Indian students in Australia has shown a sharp decrease in 2011 as compared to previous two years. No incident of attack particularly aimed at Indian students has been reported from any other country.

(c) to (e) The issue of attacks on Indians in UK, USA and Australia was taken up at the highest level by GOI, including at the Ministerial level as well as through the High Commission/Embassy of India in UK, USA and Australia. The Ministry of External Affairs also issues travel advisories from time to time and also takes up the issues of students with the Governments of foreign countries as and when required. The Government of India is not aware of the foreign governments having paid any compensation to the families of victimised students.

### **Irregularities in Mid-Day-Meal Scheme**

3948. SHRI N. K. SINGH:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

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

- (a) whether cases of irregularities, corruption and mismanagement in the operation of Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS) have been reported from various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove those irregularities in the scheme;

(d) whether Union Government has asked for suggestions from State Governments to check corruption and irregularities in MDMS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) During the year 2011, 34 complaints of various irregularities such as poor quality of food (9), misappropriation (9) and irregularities (16) had been received by this Ministry, which were referred to the States/UTs for necessary action. As per the reports from States/UTs, in 21 cases, the complaints have been found to be baseless, while in remaining cases, action taken includes transfer of the concerned Principal, recovery from the responsible persons, suspension and initiation of disciplinary proceedings against defaulting persons, and setting up of enquiry committee.

(c) to (e) For effective implementation of the scheme, the Scheme guidelines provide for an extensive monitoring mechanism at the school, block, district, State and the National levels. The scheme is constantly reviewed to check irregularities through Quarterly Progress Reports, in the National level Steering cum Monitoring Committee meetings and during Programme Approval Board meetings. In addition the Central Review Missions visit the States/UTs for an on the spot assessment. Independent monitoring institutes also evaluate the Scheme at regular intervals. The suggestions of the State Government are taken during the bi-annual review meetings of the State Education Secretaries, the national level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee meetings, as well as during the Project Approval Board Meeting with the States.

#### **Funds for Central Universities**

3949. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

(a) the details of funds lying unutilized at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and other Central Universities during 2011-12, university-wise;

(b) whether per student budget allocation to BHU by UGC during Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan has been comparatively lower than that of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU);