

Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval in the Twelfth Plan. Details of the scheme would be worked out after the Twelfth Plan is finalised. The proposed scheme would seek to incentivise State Governments to increase enrolment in State institutions. The proposed new scheme also contemplates incentivizing States to set up new institutions and expand existing ones.

(c) and (d) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of setting up one Model Degree College, in each of the identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts of the country was launched in the year 2010. Decision to subsume this scheme in the XII Plan proposals is under consideration.

Grass root innovations in agricultural practices

*515.DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that grass root innovations in agricultural practices are being further analysed for development of appropriate technologies;
- (b) if so, the details of such efforts made; and
- (c) the achievements made so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to utilize the innovative experience of farmers for development of appropriate technologies the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has initiated the task of documenting the profile of farm innovators along with brief of their innovations. So far, six publications containing 441 farm innovations have been published. As the process of documentation has started only in 2010, technologies based on farmers' innovations have not been released so far.

Deployment of TTEs in Sleeper Classes

†*516. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had given an assurance in the House regarding availability of conductors and TTEs in train coaches in view of hardships faced by passengers having reserved tickets;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.