

Funds for starting model schools in Maharashtra

3980. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to start model schools in educationally backward blocks of Maharashtra under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 75 : 25 sharing pattern has been approved by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the required funds for implementation of the scheme are yet to be released; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has sanctioned Model Schools in all the 43 educationally backward blocks (EBBs) of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 29.27 crore towards Central share has so far been released to the State Government in this regard.

OBC faculty members in IITs, IIMs and Central Universities

3981. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of OBC faculty members in DTs, IIMs and all the Central Universities; and

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to fill up all vacant OBC seats of faculties in these elite institutions?

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

Teacher absenteeism

3982. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: