

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The State Government have identified land at Village-Nimota, Taluk-Waghodia, Distt-Vadodara for setting up of an Indian Institute of Information Technology in Gujarat. The establishment of the IIIT will depend upon the response of the State Government with regard to finalisation of Industry Partners.

- (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Science colleges in North-Eastern States

2591. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Science colleges in the country, especially in North-Eastern States;
- (b) the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to set up more Science colleges in the country, especially in the North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (b) As per Statistics of Higher and Technical Education 2009-10 (Provisional), there are 25938 colleges in the country consisting of Arts, Fine Arts, Social Work, Science and Commerce (14321), Engineering/Technology/Architecture (2894), Medical (2074), Education/Teacher Training (3357) and Others (3292). Out of these, 910 Colleges are in North-Eastern States which comprise of Arts, Fine Arts, Social Work, Science and Commerce (590), Engineering/Technology/Architecture (21), Medical (21), Education/Teacher Training (58) and Others (220).

(c) Education being in the Concurrent List, the setting up of colleges are considered on the requirement of respective State Governments. However, a Scheme of 374 Model Degree Colleges has been launched all over the country one each in such district, which has Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) below the national average. Out of these, 44 colleges are earmarked for North-Eastern Region against which, 18 have so far been sanctioned. In addition, nine Central Universities, eight National Institutes of Technology, one Indian Institute of Technology, one Central Institute of Technology at Kokrajhar, one North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Itanagar have been set up and fifty new Polytechnics have also been sanctioned in North Eastern Region.