- (c) the action which has been taken by the Ministry to establish Kendriya Vidyalayas at various places in Gujarat, as on date; and
  - (d) the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Seven proposals have been received from the State Government of Gujarat for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) at Ahwa (Distt. Dang) and in districts Amreli, Patan, Narmada, Kheda, Tapi and Valsad. However, the State Government of Gujarat has not so far provided the requisite infrastructural facilities like suitable land and temporary accommodation for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalaya at Amreli (Gujarat).

(c) and (d) KVs are opened on receipt of proposals in the prescribed proforma from the various Ministries of Government of India and State Governments/UTs thereby committing the availability of requisite resources subject to availability of sanctions. The Regional Office of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Ahmedabad has been asked to examine all the seven proposals for opening of new KVs at Ahwa (Distt. Dang) and in districts Amreli, Patan, Narmada, Kheda, Tapi and Valsad and submit its recommendations. Only on receipt of the feasibility report and recommendations of the Regional Office, the establishment of new KVs will be considered subject to availability of funds and Government's approval.

## **Admissions in Higher Education**

## †1939. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI : SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of educational arrangement in the higher education segment, only 20 per cent of the youth are able to secure admission;
  - (b) if not, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the said percentage is targeted to be raised to 30 per cent by 2017;
- (d) if so, whether there is any plan for expansion of higher educational set up in the country; and
- (e) if so, the number of institutions along with their category, which are likely to come up under the plan?

<sup>†</sup> Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Data on admission in higher educational institutions is not maintained. However, Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students enrolled in higher education in the country as a percentage of the population in the age group of 18-23 years is 15.0 in 2009-10. The Approach paper to the Twelfth Five Year Plan has recommended that an additional enrolment of 10 million could be targeted in higher education during the Twelfth Plan period.

(d) and (e) During Eleventh Five Year Plan, several new Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Technology, National Institutes of Technology, Polytechnics and other Institutions of Higher learning have been established to increase the GER in higher education. A new scheme has been approved by the Government under which Central assistance on sharing basis shall be provided to the State Governments/ State Universities for setting up of a model degree college in each of the 374 identified educationally backward districts, where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER.

## Qualifications and competence of academia in the country

## †1940. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's educational system is witnessing an abysmal condition in terms of qualification and competence in the academia;
  - (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a major share of the total expenses incurred for country's educational sector goes to the salary etc.; and
- (d) if so, the annual average expenditure and the prospective plan for improvement in academic system?

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

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The expenditure on education as percentage of GDP for the year 2009-10 was 3.85%.

<sup>†</sup> Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.