

**Shortage of Kendriya Vidyalayas**

\*251. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is acute shortage of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the country against the remarkable increase in the number of students; and

(b) if so, how many Kendriya Vidyalayas are going to start in the near future, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) were started to cater to the educational needs of transferable Central Government employees including Defence and Paramilitary forces. New KVs are opened when there is a concentration of at least 500 employees of the Defence services/Government of India/Government Undertaking individually or jointly (250 in the case of Special Focus Districts) or when there is minimum potential enrolment of children of specified categories which may be 200 or an average of 30 per class, whichever is more. As on date around 11 lakh students are enrolled in 1084 KVs across the country. KVs are substantially meeting the needs of transferable Central Government employees including Defence and Paramilitary forces.

(b) Opening of new KVs will be subject to necessary approvals and availability of funds during the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

**Rajiv Gandhi Chairs in Universities**

\*252. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of 'Rajiv Gandhi Chairs' in Universities working well in all the centres and is expected to be extended to all Universities; and

(b) if so, whether the Professors working in the Rajiv Gandhi Chairs are entitled to seniority in the University according to their service as Professors?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it had decided to establish ten "Rajiv Gandhi Chairs" in ten selected Universities in the country, on ten selected themes. These ten universities included three Central Universities and seven State Universities. The details of grants released to each University are given in Statement (*See below*). UGC regularly reviews the functioning of these Chairs. UGC has reported that it has further decided to set up "Rajiv Gandhi Chairs" in ten more Universities in the country.