

Teacher Training Institutes in West Bengal

†3035. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Teacher Training Institutes across the country;
- (b) the number of Central Government, State Government and private sector institutes out of these separately; and
- (c) the number of Teacher Training Institutes in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), a statutory body of the Central Government, grants recognition to institutions for imparting pre-service programmes for preparation of school teachers. The NCTE has granted recognition in respect of 13,869 institutions for various teacher training programmes, of which 1178 are government institutions and 12,691 are self-financed.

- (c) The NCTE has granted recognition to 27 government and 226 self-financed institutions in the State of West Bengal.

Schemes for awardee teachers

3036. SHRI A.A. JINNAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a scheme to give an extension in service for two years for State awardee teachers, three years for national awardee teachers and five years for Padam Shri teachers;
- (b) if so, whether in 1990's the facilities given were withdrawn by Government causing gross injustice to the awardee teachers; and
- (c) whether in order to encourage good and effective persons to come forward to join this noble profession, Government would consider resuming the above scheme, besides giving other concessions for air/train/bus travel, etc. including flats/plots to awardee teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) The State Governments have

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