

(d) if so, whether 2,500 crores of Rupees have already been allocated through it so far;

(e) if not, the facts thereof; and

(f) the annual target fixed for generating skills under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central Government has launched various Centrally sponsored schemes across the country with the objective to enhance access to education and to improve its quality. The Schemes such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan besides infrastructure support provide for quality interventions which *inter-alia* include appointment of additional teachers, and In-service training every year to the teachers for capacity building.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Rs. 2500 crore has been allocated to NSDC as Government commitment. (Rs. 1000 crore in 2008-09, Rs. 500 crore in 2011-12 and Rs. 1000 crore in 2012-13). The National Skill Development Corporation has been setup for providing skilling to 150 million people in India by 2022.

Modernisation of Madarsas

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

(a) whether Government intends to modernize the Madarsas education;

(b) if so, the kind of endeavour Government has initiated in this regard; and

(c) how many Madarsas have been equipped with the modern means of education till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government has launched a Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) in 2008-09 to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas and Maktabas by giving financial assistance to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum so that academic proficiency for Classes I-XII is attainable for children studying in these institutions. This process of modernization of traditional Madarsas and Maktabas is voluntary.

(c) During the last three years, 12,958 Madarsas have been covered under the SPQEM.

Scrutiny of private higher educational institutions

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