

(b) if so, the number of districts which have started the studies by establishing such educational institutes in accordance with the said announcement;

(c) whether Government has failed in establishing these colleges; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information supplied by University Grants Commission (UGC), about 50 Model Degree Colleges in 50 districts across 7 States have become functional.

(c) No, Sir. As part of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Central Government decided to establish these Model Degree College in each of the identified 374 higher educationally backward districts. However, these Model Degree Colleges are set up by the State Governments having territorial jurisdiction.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **IIT status for Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute**

†1506. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letter has been received from Members of Parliament of 2004-05 regarding making Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute situated in IIT Roorkee Campus in Saharanpur as a fully independent IIT;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) the hindrances in making the above mentioned institutions located in Saharanpur into an independent IIT;

(e) whether Government would convert them into an autonomous IIT by removing those obstacles; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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†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) The Central Pulp and paper Research Institute, an autonomous body of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, which was established to promote R & D in the field of Pulp and Paper, is not located in the IIT-Roorkee Campus at Saharanpur. At this stage it has not been found possible to confirm the receipt of any letter from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament way back in 2004-05.

(d) to (f) Government Policy as at present does not envisage for conversion of any Research Institute, including Central Pulp and paper Research Institute, into an IIT.

**E-ticket booking transaction failures**

1507. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of e-ticket bookings that failed during the last one year;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 37 lakh and 45 lakh e-ticket booking transactions have failed during May, 2012 and June, 2012, respectively;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether overall failure rate for e-ticket bookings in May and June, 2012 was 72 per cent and 75 per cent, respectively;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of action IRCTC would take in this regard to redress the situation and mitigate the failure rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) During the period from April 2011 to March 2012, while 11.62 crore tickets were booked successfully through the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) website, in 96.12 lakh cases payment was settled but tickets were not booked.