

Kendriya Vidyalayas for Tibetan refugees

†2412. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to hand over the Kendriya Vidyalayas being run for the children of Tibetan refugees in the country to Tibetan Self Help Groups;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the places where the teachers and staff working in these Kendriya Vidyalayas would be adjusted; and
- (d) whether all the persons working there would have to work under Tibetan Self Help Groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (d) There are no Kendriya Vidyalayas being run for the children of Tibetan refugees in the country. However, a proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for the transfer of schools established for educating the children of Tibetan refugees from the Central Tibetan School Administration (CTSA) to the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). No decision has been taken on the issue. The interest of the teachers and other employees would be protected while finalizing the proposal.

Students going abroad for higher education

2413. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there has been a 256 per cent rise in Indian students going abroad in the last ten years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the proportion of these students who return to the country to work and live; and
- (d) how much of the country's money is spent on students going abroad for higher education annually?

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