

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?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (d) The specific information regarding the number of Indian students going abroad or returning to the country after completing their studies to work and live in India, and the country's money spent on students going abroad is not maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. However, as per a report of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore published in May, 2012 on Indian student mobility to selected European countries, it is observed that the Indian student flows to the world grew by 256 percent between 2000 and 2009. The reasons therefor would relate to individual interest and preference as well as the non-availability of comparable opportunities in India. The actual amount spent on students going abroad for higher education depends on the country, course and the University chosen by them.

Meeting of India-New Zealand Education Council

2414. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the first meeting of the India-New Zealand Education Council was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed during the meeting;
- (c) whether India and New Zealand have signed any Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs);
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the extent to which higher education joint research, student mobility, faculty development, etc., between the two countries will be boosted after the implementation of such MoUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The first meeting of the India-New Zealand Education Council (INZEC) was held on 19th October, 2012 at New Delhi. During the meeting, issues relating to Joint Research, Student Mobility, Faculty Exchange and Training, Indigenous Studies, Open Educational Resources and Technology Enabled Learning, Vocational Education Framework, Skill Development, Leadership Development and Professional Development for Vocational Education and Training etc. were discussed.