

into an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) while ensuring that its core competency in mining and geology would be central to the institution and would not be diluted.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The ISM, Dhanbad with the approval of its Finance Committee, Executive Board and General Council has forwarded the proposal for its conversion into an IIT. The proposal on "Conversion of Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad into an IIT" is an agenda item for the meeting of the Council of the IITs to be held on 7.1.2013.

Opening of KGBVs in Muslim dominated areas

‡2425. CHAUDHARY MUNABBAR SALEEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to open residential Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in Muslim dominated areas;

(b) if so, by when the scheme would be implemented; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme has been in existence since 2004, wherein educationally backward blocks (EBBs) identified in those districts with rural female literacy below the national average as per the Census of 2001, are eligible for a KGBV residential school, provided those EBBs do not have a residential school at upper primary level for girls under any other scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment or the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. As of 30.9.2012, 544 KGBVs have been sanctioned in 71 Muslim concentration districts. State-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

Statement

State-wise details of opening of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Muslim dominated areas

Sl. No.	State	No. of Muslim Concentration Districts	No. of KGBV Sanctioned in EBBs
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	13	34

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
2.	Bihar	7	102
3.	Gujarat	1	8
4.	Haryana	1	6
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	11	69
6.	Jharkhand	5	40
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1	2
8.	Manipur	1	1
9.	Rajasthan	1	3
10.	Uttarakhand	2	9
11.	Uttar Pradesh	20	219
12.	West Bengal	8	51
TOTAL:		71	544

EBB: Educationally Backward Block

Vocational colleges in Odisha

2426 SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Government of Odisha is pending before the Ministry for setting up of 400 new Vocational Junior Colleges and to strengthen the existing 231 Government Vocational Junior Colleges; and

(b) if so, whether it would be approved during the current financial year considering the acute shortage of skilled manpower in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education, a proposal was received from the Government of Odisha to set up 400 new Vocational Junior