156	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
1	2		3
29.	Rajasthan		68
30.	Sikkim		9
31.	Tamil Nadu		358
32.	Tripura		31
33.	Uttar Pradesh		150
34.	Uttarakhand		77
35.	West Bengal		275
	Total:		3,203

## Improvement of education in Madarsas

- 228. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has decided to set up a consultative committee comprising of various stakeholders for effective implementation of a scheme aimed at improving education in Madarsas;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of manner in which Government would focus to improve the Madarsa education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (c) A National Consultative Committee on implementation of the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) has been setup on 27th August, 2012, which would meet twice in a year and discuss various implementation issues and advise the Government on the scheme. The Committee is chaired by the Union Minister of Human Resource Development and includes representatives of State Governments, State Madarsa Boards, madarsas teachers associations and representative of minority educational institutions.