

**Establishment of polytechnics under PPP mode**

4135. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided or proposes to establish polytechnics on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode in the country;
- (b) if so, the details including the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether Government has estimated the cost for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government approved a scheme to provide financial assistance to set up 300 polytechnics under the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode during the Eleventh Plan Period. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) estimated the total cost to be Rs. 15.00 crores per polytechnic, excluding land. The scheme provides for Rs. 3.00 crores Central fund towards capital assets; Rs. 2.00 crores by the State Government and a minimum of Rs. 10.00 crores by the private partner. The land is to be provided by the private partner; alternatively the State will provide land. The response of the intended private partners was poor. Therefore, the AICTE has constituted a committee to revise the scheme for implementation during the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

**Meeting targets set out under National Mission  
for Female Literacy**

4136. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Mission for Female Literacy envisages all women to be literate by 2013-14; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to achieve the target across the States, particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No, Sir. The Government aims to achieve 80% literacy rate by 2017 and reduce the gender disparity to 10 percentile points during the same period.

(b) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aim to raise literacy level in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years and above, respectively in the country.

#### **Status of Minority Educational Institutions**

4137. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the plans and programmes regarding education to minorities have not got required fillip;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the number of Minority Educational Institutions running with the help of Government has also come down;
- (d) if so, the details thereof as also the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The plans and programmes regarding education to minorities have received the required fillip during the last few years. The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and the Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutes (IDMI) exclusively for the benefit of the minorities. Besides, under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the enrolment share of the Muslim children in the age group of 6-14 years has increased from 11.03% in the year 2008-09 to 13.31% in the year 2011-12 at the primary level. The scheme of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), *inter-alia* provides coverage of special focus groups viz. girls', children belonging to SC, ST, OBC, and Educationally Backward Minorities. While implementing other Schemes too, *inter-alia*, such as the Saakshar Bharat, the Jan Shikshan Sansthan, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, the Women's Hostels, the Block Institutes of Teacher Education, special focus is given to the Minority Concentration Districts. As per the data made available by the District Information System for Education (DISE), the number of the Muslim children enrolled in schools in elementary education has increased from 1.58 crore in 2005-06 to 2.55 crore in 2011-12. The enrolment of Muslim children as a percentage of total enrolment has also increased from 8.84%