

**Thrust on higher education during Eleventh Five Year Plan**

4140. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Eleventh Five Year Plan had outlined a threefold strategy of expansion, equity and excellence for higher education;
- (b) if so, details in this regard;
- (c) how far this strategy was put into operation; and
- (d) the details of the results achieved during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Eleventh Five Year Plan had outlined a three-fold strategy of expansion, equity and excellence which translated into measures for enhancing access, promoting equity and excellence in higher education. Substantial achievements have been made in increasing access to higher education by the establishment of new institutions, such as Central Universities, IITs, IIMs, NITs, SPAs, IISERs, and Polytechnics. For inclusive education, several measures have been undertaken, which include, *inter-alia.*, implementing the recommendations of Oversight Committee for the reservation of seats in Central Educational Institutions for OBCs, correcting regional imbalances by establishing new degree colleges in educationally backward districts under the Scheme of 374 Model Degree Colleges, providing support to institutions located in border, hilly, remote, small towns and educationally backward areas, the construction of girls' hostels, support to the SCs, STs, OBCs, Minorities, Physically Challenged and girl students with special scholarships/fellowships, remedial coaching and other measures. For quality enhancement, several initiatives, such as the National Mission of Education through ICT (NMEICT), academic, curricular and examination reforms, increasing research fellowships, Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), have been undertaken.

**Scholarships for students in Kendriya Vidyalayas and  
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas**

†4141. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government and the State Governments give scholarship

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