

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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under Scholarship Scheme to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes;

(b) whether there is provision for giving the said scholarship in Government schools and all the other recognised schools;

(c) whether the benefits of scholarship scheme being provided by the Government are also being extended in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas run by the Central Government and institutions recognised for teaching CBSE and NCERT courses; and

(d) if not, whether Government would implement the scholarship scheme in all such schools which are recognised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The Department of School Education and Literacy in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is implementing the Centrally Sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) for school students studying in classes IX to XII in Government, Government-aided and local body schools. The students whose parental income from all sources is upto Rs. 1.5 lakh per annum, are eligible to appear in the selection test under the scheme. There is reservation as per State Government norms. In addition, the Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs also have scholarship schemes for the school going students of the Scheduled Castes as well as the OBCs and the Scheduled Tribes respectively studying in Government schools or in schools recognized by Central/State Board of Secondary Education.

(c) and (d) The students studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are not entitled to get scholarships under the NMMSS. There is no specific scholarship scheme for the students belonging to SC, ST and Other Backward Classes (OBC) of Kendriya Vidyalayas. No separate scholarships are given to the students belonging to the SC, ST and Other Backward Classes of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya schools since all these students are provided free education.

**Introduction of job-oriented courses in universities/
colleges in Tamil Nadu**

4142. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government and UGC for the development