Industries (CII) has released a report titled 'Annual Status of Higher Education of States and UTs in India, 2012' (ASHE 2012) in which it has recommended to double the number of quality teachers in Higher Education;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- whether Government has taken any action in this regard; and (c)
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission and the Confederation of India Industries (CII) have compiled information on the status of Higher Education of States and UTs in India from the available sources. "The Report is titled" Annual Status of Higher Education of States and UTs in India, 2012 (ASHE 2012), The Report has stated that development of quality teachers in adequate numbers is a strong concern area across all faculties of higher education. The number of faculty is required to be doubled from the current 8 lakh to 16 lakh during the Twelfth Five Year Plan to cater to the student demand. This requires an increase in capacity at both the postgraduate and doctoral levels. The competition from other sectors is acting as a strong deterrent to attracting talent for teaching.

(c) and (d) The Government has already initiated action for launching the National Mission on Teachers and Teaching for which a CABE Committee has been constituted in June, 2012. The National Mission on Teachers and Teaching is one of the major thrust areas of action during the Twelfth Five Year Plan aimed at addressing comprehensively all the issues related to teachers, teaching, teacher shortages, teacher preparation and professional development.

## Implementation of SSA in Uttar Pradesh

†4106. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- the progress made in implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Uttar (a) Pradesh;
  - whether sufficient funds have been granted to Uttar Pradesh in this regard; (b)
  - if so, the details thereof; (c)
- whether Government has sought any foreign aid to provide primary education to the children in Uttar Pradesh;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action being taken by Government to ensure universalisation of primary education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) Since the inception of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the Government of India has sanctioned 31983 primary schools, 30942 upper primary schools, 306728 additional class rooms, 11951 drinking water facilities, 12709 toilets and 423553 posts of teachers to Uttar Pradesh till 2012-13. Out of these, a total 27216 primary schools, 30049 upper primary schools, 289028 additional class rooms, 9919 drinking water facilities, 9254 toilets and the recruitment of 264466 teachers had been completed till December, 2012. The Central Share released to Uttar Pradesh since the inception of the SSA year-wise is given in Statement (*See* below).

- (d) and (e) No, Sir. However, as a centrally sponsored scheme, the SSA programme is partially supported by funding from the European Union, at present.
- (f) The Government of India has supported the States and UTs in the task of the universalisation of primary education through schemes like Operation Blackboard; Non-Formal Education, the District Primary Education programme, and currently through the Mid-day-Meal programme and the SSA programme.

Statement

Details on release of Central share to Uttar Pradesh,

SSA during 2002-03 to 2012-13

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Amounts
1	2	3
1.	2002-03	201.66
2.	2003-04	340.43
3.	2004-05	877.61
4.	2005-06	1827.99

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1	2		3
5.	2006-07		2066.54
6.	2007-08		2047.58
7.	2008-09		2128.85
8.	2009-10		1960.11
9.	2010-11		3104.62
10.	2011-12		2636.82
11	2012-13		3754.76

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## **Exemption from examinations**

 $\dagger$ 4107. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to exempt poor and talented students seeking admission in higher educational courses from certain examinations; and
  - (b) if so, details thereof?

Written Answers to

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

## Establishment of Engineering Colleges in Bihar State

4108. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new Engineering Colleges that have been established till 31 March, 2013 all over the country;
- (b) the number of new Engineering Colleges sanctioned/established in Bihar till 31 March, 2013;
- (c) whether Government agrees that Bihar needs more Engineering Colleges according to its population and demand;

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