

The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been envisaged as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of making the best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and lifelong learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people.

While the above schemes aim to improve the percentages of SC and ST students, they are not targeted at private institutions.

Fee hike in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1351. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase fees of Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to increase the tuition fee in the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs). However, there is a proposal to enhance the Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) contribution and the computer fund fee.

Enrolment rate of SC/ST students

1352. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is keeping a record of enrolment of students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes separately in private and Government-aided schools and colleges;
- (b) if so, the details of the difference between annual growth rate for enrolment of students belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories and the rest of students in private and Government-aided schools and colleges;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to address the gap in growth of enrolment rates between SC/ST and other categories, if any?