

Promotion Scheme (RPS), Research and Institutional Development (RID), Quality Improvement Programme (QIP), QIP Degree, DIP Polytechnics, Early Faculty Induction Scheme (EFIP), Emeritus Fellowship (EF), Visiting Professorship (VP), Career Awards etc.

Networking of teachers and students through EDUSAT

2092. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation, Ahmedabad has launched EDUSAT exclusively for educational purposes;

(b) whether Maharashtra Government has proposed to establish network in the State to facilitate school children and teachers especially of rural, tribal and remote areas; and

(c) whether the State has requested the Ministry to provide funds either from the ICT scheme or any other scheme for installation of Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) under EDUSAT scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal of the State of Maharashtra for financial assistance for installation of Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) in Maharashtra for EDUSAT received in this Ministry in August, 2008, is not covered under the two Schemes of the Ministry *i.e.* the “National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT)” which primarily focuses on higher education institutions or the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools”.

**Inclusion of Gandhian literature and spiritual matter
in syllabus of educational institutions**

2093. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Ministry is going to include more Gandhian literature and