

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

spiritual matters in various educational syllabus to motivate and enhance mental power of students in consultation with State Governments;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a sharp rise in the mental stress among students; and

(c) if so, the remedial action taken by Central Governments in consultation with State Governments in this regard along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 lays stress on the teachings of Gandhi which *inter-alia* provides for commitment to democracy and the values of justice, freedom, secularism, right and respect for human dignity. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already included the elements of Gandhian literature in its syllabus to motivate and enhance mental power of students.

(b) and (c) A survey on whether students were stressed or not was conducted by the CBSE in 2009. The survey conducted through focus group discussion in six different regions of the country and SMS surveys suggested that the students were stressed. To reduce level of the stress of the students, the CBSE has taken the following steps:

- (i) Introduction of the School Based Assessment in the year 2009
- (ii) Option for students to choose from school based assessment or external assessment in class X
- (iii) 15 minutes of additional time to relax and read the question paper
- (iv) One chance for improvement of performance in class X
- (v) Three chances to clear compartment examination in class XII
- (vi) Designing of question papers in such a way that these could be completed in 3 hours time.
- (vii) Launch of helpline every year in two phases i.e. the first phase in February-April during exams and the second phase during May-June at the time of declaration of results to provide psychological counselling.