

educational sector. In the last three years, Rs. 486.73 crore of Central funds have been released under the SSA and Rs. 44.56 crore under the RMSA to Kerala.

(c) Three model degree colleges have been approved in Kerala for higher education. Also 2324 college/university students in Kerala were provided scholarships under the central sector scheme of scholarships during 2012-13.

(d) and (e) All States are availing of funds under the SSA and the RMSA.

Central Universities under PPP mode

2876. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to run Central Universities under PPP mode for infrastructure creation and putting more supernumerary seats for foreign students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan for such universities to raise funds for better development of their infrastructure; and

(d) how far this would help to bridge the gap in "education for all in India"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The Central Universities (CUs) are autonomous organisations governed by their respective Acts and the Statutes and the Ordinances framed there-under. They are competent to mobilize additional resources from private establishments also for, *inter-alia*, infrastructure development and make their action plan for such purposes. The UGC has informed us that it has issued directions to all the Universities to allot 15% supernumerary seats for the admission of foreign students in the Under-graduate and the Post-Graduate courses.

(d) Supplementing the Budgetary support received from the Government with additional resources mobilised from the private sector would definitely help enhance the access, equity and quality of higher education in the Central Universities. The contribution of CUs in the overall enrolment in the higher education sector in the country is about 4%.