

Scheme for providing Quality Education in Madarsas

2866. SHRI SABIR ALI:

SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

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

(a) whether the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) is in English and has not been translated and published in Hindi, Urdu and other regional languages;

(b) whether there is a provision for publishing the scheme accordingly;

(c) if so, the reasons for not doing the same so far; and

(d) the action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (d) The guidelines of the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) are published in English and Hindi. The State Governments/UTs have been requested to ensure translation of the guidelines in Urdu and other regional languages. Maharashtra has reported the translation of the Scheme into Marathi.

Hike in fee for IITs

2867. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has set up a task force to examine the Anil Kakodkar Committee's recommendation for hiking fee for under-graduate IIT students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether economically well to do people can afford the hike in fee but not the children of poor;

(d) the steps the Ministry is taking to safeguard the interest of various economic sections by hiking the fee by 20 per cent every year and not by over a lakh in just one year; and

(e) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the decision taken by the Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), in its 43rd meeting held on 14.09.2011, an Empowered Task Force headed by Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Board of Governors, NT-Bombay, had been constituted for the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on "Taking IITs to Excellence and Greater Relevance," which *inter-alia* includes revision of fee for IIT students. Based on the recommendations of the Group of Directors of the IITs and the Standing Committee of the IIT Council, the Council of the IITs, in its 46th meeting, held on 07.01.2013, decided to revise the existing fees in respect of the Under-Graduate (UG) students of IITs from Rs. 50,000 per annum to Rs. 90,000 per annum from the academic year of 2013-14. The fee structure would be reviewed every year. The present increase in the annual fees of the UG students of IITs has come after the last increase in 2008-09 from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000.

(c) to (e) The SC/ST students are exempted from payment of tuition fees irrespective of their parental income. They are also entitled to travelling allowance (II class train fare/ordinary bus fare) from the place of residence to the Institute to join the B.Tech. programme. The SC/ST students admitted to the B.Tech. and Dual Degree programmes are given free book bank facilities and those whose parental income is below Rs. 4.50 lakhs per annum, are entitled to free hostel seat rent, basic messing and pocket allowance of Rs. 250 per month.

The students (other than SC/ST categories), upto 25% of intake strength whose annual parental income is less than Rs. 4.50 lakhs, are exempted from payment of tuition fee and are paid a stipend of Rs. 1000 per month for ten months in an academic year.

Shortage of trained teachers

†2868. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of trained teachers in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to open training institutes at central level to fill the gap; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.