

authentic data available to indicate the preference of the guardians about the medium of instruction for their children. However, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan follows bilingual medium of instruction for all the Kendriya Vidyalayas, with a provision for separate classes for Hindi and English mediums.

Shortage of teachers and equipments in polytechnics and ITIs

‡3525. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the professional educational institutions in the country like the polytechnics and I.T.Is are still offering such courses whose demand in the market is negligible;

(b) whether it is also fact that there is a huge shortage of teachers and equipments in these educational institution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for most of youth being unable to get jobs even after obtaining education from these educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) The AICTE grants approval of the new courses at the diploma level as per request from the institutes and as per the Approval Process Regulations. At the same time there is a provision for closure of courses. Any institute can apply for closure of any course which is not in demand. As regards the ITIs, all courses have now been revised and demand-driven training courses are being offered. Selection of courses in the ITIs is done by the institute Managing Committees on the basis of demand of skills by the local industries.

(b) to (d) All technical institutions approaching the AICTE for seeking approval to start a new technical programmes and the existing institutions seeking the extension of approval/increase in intake/addition of new courses etc. are required to comply with the faculty norms prescribed by the AICTE from time to time.

The institutions are expected to appoint required qualified faculty to filling up the vacancy of the teachers before the commencement of new academic session. If

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the Council receives any complaint with respect to the availability of the infrastructure and faculty in the existing institutions, it ascertains the same through surprise visits by a Committee of the experts and takes necessary punitive action as per the provision of Approval Process Handbook and notified norms and standards. In order to address the issue of shortage of qualified faculty and also to facilitate the students to pursue their higher study leading to award of M.Tech degree the AICTE has also granted permission to start M.Tech Programme in second shift in the existing institutions.

In case of the ITIs, there is no shortage of tools and equipments. However, there are vacancies of Principals and instructors in these ITIs. There is also shortage of trained instructors. Considering an average trainee-instructor ratio of 20:1, Government and Private ITIs require about 70, 000 qualified instructors. Presently, only 15% out of these 70,000 instructors are trained instructors. The performance evaluation studies of the ITIs providing training under the Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI) have shown that placement rate in the ITIs which have been upgraded recently under Centrally Funded Scheme, has increased to 80 to 99 per cent.

Kasturba Gandhi Awasiya Balika Vidyalayas

†3526. CHAUDHARY MUNABBAR SALEEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places in the Muslim dominated areas of the country where residential Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas were opened for Muslim girls in the country, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) the schemes being run by the Government to remove backwardness of the Muslim community and to bring improvement in easy access to education for Muslim girls; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) 544 Kasturba Gandhi Balika

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