

Performance of NCEF

*97. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF), and if so, the details of its aims and objectives;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government to evaluate the performance of the fund; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir, the National Clean Energy Fund was created through Finance Bill 2010-11 for making investment in entrepreneurial ventures and research in the field of clean energy technologies.

(b) So far Government of India has not conducted any study to evaluate the performance of the Fund.

(c) Does not arise.

Enrolment and drop out of children

*98. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that around 8 million children have never stepped into a school and 80 million drop out without completing basic schooling, as per the United Nations Children's Fund;

(b) if so, whether Government has been able to find out the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has found out the solutions for the problem, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Government of India had commissioned two independent surveys by Social and Research Institute (SRI) — a special unit of International