

99.99% in the RMSA and 94.50% in the MDM programmes. Regular monitoring of releases and scheme implementation is being done at the Central and State levels to ensure the effective utilization of funds.

Policy to attract more students in research

†1745. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one per cent students, out of the total population of 125 crores, are entering into the field of research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any policy to attract more students in the field of research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the data provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the number of students enrolling in research oriented courses in 2011-12 was 1,60,872 against the total enrolment of 20,327,478 in universities and colleges. Thus the percentage of students enrolling in the field of research out of total enrolments in higher education is about 0.79%.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken various measures for the promotion and growth of post-graduate level studies and research in the country. In scientific areas, these include the continuous increase in successive plan allocations for Scientific Departments, the setting up of new institutions for science education and research, the creation of centres of excellence and facilities in emerging and frontline areas in academic and national institutes, the establishment of new and attractive fellowships, of strengthening of the infrastructure of Research and Development (R and D) in universities, encouraging public-private R and D partnerships, the

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recognition of R and D units and national awards for outstanding R and D for industries etc. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) had set up a Task Force for rejuvenation of Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.M. Sharma, which has now been converted into an Empowered Committee to implement the recommendations of the Task Force.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is also implementing the schemes of Universities with Potential for Excellence, Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area, College with Potential for Excellence, Major Research Projects/Minor Research Project, Special Assistance Programme, Basic Scientific Research and Research Fellowships. These schemes are all aimed at expanding the enrolment and the output of research in the country.

The All India Council for Technical Education has informed MHRD that it is implementing various schemes to encourage research in technical subjects such as Career Awards, Post Graduate Course and Research Work, Research promotional Work, National Doctoral Fellowships, Faculty Development Programme, Setting up of Research Parks, Innovation Promotion Schemes, Post Doctoral Fellowships, Teachers Research Fellowships etc.

The MHRD is also funding research in the Social Sciences and Humanities through its various research councils, *viz.*, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and the National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRDI).

Hostel facilities in model schools

†1746. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government would provide the facility of hostel in 74 schools being run under the model school scheme in Chhattisgarh as the students of remote areas are not getting the benefits of this scheme in the absence of hostel facilities there;

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