

Education of tribal students in Naxal-affected States

545. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to help tribal students to continue their education in the Naxal-affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts are treated as Special Focus Districts for the purpose of planning and need-based provisioning for students in these districts. A total of 16% of the total funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 2012-13 were earmarked for the LWE affected districts.

In the LWE affected districts, the SSA provides for the opening of new schools, new/additional teachers, residential schools/hostels, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyala (girls' residential schools for classes 6-8), coordination with Ashram Shalas and other SC/ST Department Schools by providing grants, teacher training etc., special training for mainstreaming out of school children, transport/escort facility in difficult areas and encouraging multilingual education in early grades.

In Andhra Pradesh, 37.21% of the outlay for 2012-13 was earmarked for the 8 LWE affected districts.

Reorientation of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

546. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

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

(a) whether Union Government has recently decided to re-orient and re-chart the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to meet the challenges from private institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the steps likely to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether latest technologies would be used in Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country to compete with private institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) across the country, on their own initiative, irrespective of competition from private institutions, are introducing the latest technology to keep pace with the emerging trends in education. Some of the initiatives undertaken are as follows:—

- (i) Pupil-computer ratio in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is 21:1 with more than 50,000 computers;
- (ii) Setting up of E-class rooms;
- (iii) Provision of multimedia devices;
- (iv) E-content development in all subjects from class III to XII;
- (v) Availability of broadband facility; and
- (vi) Development of their own websites by the KVs.

Setting up of women university in Gujarat

547. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

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

(a) the action taken by the Ministry as on date on the representation to set up women university in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government is considering to set up such university in every State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when this proposed women university would start functioning; and