

The MoU focuses on the following areas:—

- Exchange of educational material and support systems
- Teachers' training
- Exchange of academic staff, teachers, trainees, experts and students
- Development of curricula
- Assessment standards and curriculum.

Rangarajan Committee on price of natural gas

*75. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the C. Rangarajan Committee has proposed to nearly double the domestic price of natural gas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) its likely impact on the prices of Urea and farmers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) The report and recommendations of C. Rangarajan Committee is under consideration of the Government.

Technical institutions in Bihar

*76. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of technical institutions, including Industrial Training Institutes, engineering colleges and polytechnic institutions, State-wise;
- (b) whether Bihar has a negligible or small number of technical institutions as compared to the total number of technical institutions in the country;
- (c) if so, whether Government is proposing to increase the number of technical institutions in Bihar to provide for skill and vocational training, especially in view of the high drop-out rate in schools and the low rate of literacy in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) There are 85 Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) and 6869 All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions functioning in the country, in addition to this, there are 10344 Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) functioning in the country at present. The State-wise detail is given in the Statement (*See* below). This includes the number of technical institutions in Bihar in comparison with the other States.

(c) and (d) The Ministry provides financial assistance to the State/UT Governments, limited to ₹ 12.30 crores per polytechnic to meet the costs of establishing a new Government Polytechnic in the unserved Districts/underserved districts, subject to the respective State/UT Governments providing land free of cost meeting 100% recurring expenditure and also non-recurring expenditure beyond ₹ 12.30 crores, if any. Under the scheme, 34 districts in the State of Bihar have already been provided partial financial assistance to set up new Polytechnics. Also, Ministry of Labour and Employment has initiated action for setting up of 1500 ITIs and 5000 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) in the country including the State of Bihar under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Statement

State-wise details of the technical institutions in the country

Sl. No.	State	CFTIs institutions	AICTE approved institutions		Government and Private ITIs
			Degree college	Diploma and post diploma institutions	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0	1	1	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3	704	406	729
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	1	2	6
4.	Assam	2	11	10	34

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Bihar	2	19	17	592
6.	Chandigarh	1	5	7	2
7.	Chhattisgarh	2	53	38	142
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	1	1
9.	Daman and Diu	0	0	1	2
10.	Delhi	3	20	18	78
11.	Goa	1	4	8	14
12.	Gujarat	3	101	115	548
13.	Haryana	2	166	216	195
14.	Himachal Pradesh	2	21	35	197
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	1	9	12	38
16.	Jharkhand	4	14	23	177
17.	Karnataka	2	188	335	1464
18.	Kerala	4	148	66	532
19.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	1
20.	Madhya Pradesh	8	227	84	346
21.	Maharashtra	5	350	630	776
22.	Manipur	1	2	3	7
23.	Meghalaya	2	1	4	7
24.	Mizoram	1	0	0	1
25.	Nagaland	1	0	0	8
26.	Odisha	2	101	104	616
27.	Puducherry	1	13	9	17

1	2	3	4	5	6
28. Punjab		4	105	166	346
29. Rajasthan		3	131	208	840
30. Sikkim		1	1	2	4
31. Tamil Nadu		6	498	487	713
32. Tripura		1	1	3	8
33. Uttar Pradesh		6	329	338	1692
34. Uttarakhand		3	33	82	107
35. West Bengal		6	88	93	103
TOTAL:		85	3345	3524	10344

Deaths of elephants by speeding trains

*77. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deaths of elephants caused by speeding trains, during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that five elephants died recently due to speeding Coromandel Express train in Ganjam district of Odisha on 30th December, 2012; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the railway authorities to prevent the deaths of elephants by speeding trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The number of elephants killed on railway tracks during the last three years and the current year are as under:—

Year	East Central Railway	East Coast Railway	Northern Railway	Northeast Frontier Railway	Southern Railway	South Eastern Railway	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010	Nil	Nil	Nil	19	1	Nil	20