

(Rs. in lakh)

Scheme Year	MDM	
	Allocated funds/ Released funds	Unspent balance
2010-11	80506.41	13221.01
2011-12	74492.31	14931.51
2012-13	86716.53	5124.41

Setting up of Higher Education Apex Coordination Committee

392. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is proposing to set up an over-arching body namely the Higher Education Apex Coordination Committee to resolve the issue arising out of regulatory provisions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has constituted an overarching coordinating body named Higher Education Apex Coordination Committee in October, 2013. The Committee is chaired by the Human Resource Minister with Chairman University Grants Commission (UGC); Secretary, Higher Education; Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and President, Council of Architecture (CoA), as Members.

The essential mandate of the Committee is to remove the conflicts arising out of regulatory and other provisions of the regulatory bodies and professional councils. The Committee would also work towards finding common ground and take measures to promote inter-disciplinary learning and research, especially in the new and emerging fields of knowledge.

Irregularities in preparations and servings of Mid-Day-Meals

393. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of irregularities committed during preparations and servings of mid-day-meals in various schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details of incidents reported and the children affected due to various kinds of tragedy;