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However, two cities *viz.* Chennai and Madurai, had hosted ten centres for the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Advanced) – 2013. Since the number of candidates are likely to be same in JEE (Advanced) – 2014, the same number of centres have been retained in these two cities. This information is displayed in the Brochure and is available online to the students in the web page of the JEE (Advanced) – 2014.

PMSSS in Jammu and Kashmir

372. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jammu and Kashmir has been given the benefit of Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of students from Sri Nagar, Jammu and Leh who have got the benefits, region-wise;
- (c) whether there is an allegation of misuse of funds and if so, the steps Government has taken and the results thereof; and
- (d) how many Government officials, NGOs, etc. are found guilty and the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir has been launched since 2011. The Scheme aims to provide tuition fees, hostel fees, cost of books and other incidental charges to 5000 students per year belonging to Jammu and Kashmir who, after passing

Class XII or equivalent examination through the State Board of Jammu and Kashmir and from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools located in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Rate of Scholarships is as under:—

Tuition Fees: Upto Rs. 30,000/- per annum for general degree courses.

OR

Upto Rs. 1.25 lakhs per annum for engineering courses.

OR

Upto Rs. 3.00 lakhs per annum for medical studies, including Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

In addition to this, hostel fees and incidentals will also be given for all categories of courses. The ceiling for this will be Rs. 1 lakh per annum.

(b) During the first two years of implementation of the scheme, only a Domicile certificate of the State of Jammu and Kashmir was obtained from the students. No details are available about the specific region of the State from where the eligible students hail from. Hence the region-wise distribution of the students who have been awarded the scholarship the during year 2011-12 and 2012-13 is not available. However, in the first year (2011-12) of the Scheme, scholarships were awarded to 38 eligible students. In 2012-2013, 3340 candidates had been found eligible and scholarships have already been released to the Institutes for 2858 candidates. For the year 2013-14, 3747 students have been found eligible for award of scholarship.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There has not been any allegation of misuse of funds. However, The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed the Ministry that there have been reports alleging that some NGOs have misled the students from Jammu and Kashmir and an inquiry has been ordered by the State CID to investigate the role of various NGOs in the Scheme.

Setting up of high quality universities

373. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up high quality universities to meet the challenges of making higher education developmental, environmentally sound and all inclusive;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the project;