

Indian Universities may come to figure in some of the world rankings, it is not an objective of Government Policy to tailor our academic efforts towards this end.

NCC as an elective subject

377. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to introduce the National Cadet Corps (NCC) as an elective subject in University education across the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the contents of its syllabi;

(c) the feedback received by Government in this regard from the Sardar Patel University of Gujarat where NCC education is already included in their curricula; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to inculcate discipline, patriotism and need for social and moral obligations among students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) had requested the Principals of 30 Autonomous Colleges and all Vice Chancellors of the affiliating Universities to introduce the National Cadet Corps (NCC) as an elective subject in the education being imparted by them.

(b) A workshop of the Vice Chancellors of the respective Universities and the Principals of these selected Autonomous Colleges was conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on 12th March, 2013 at Delhi, to discuss the modalities for the implementation of NCC as an elective subject with credit points from academic year 2013-14. The copies of NCC syllabi of Sardar Patel University, Gujarat and American College, Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu were shared with the Principals of selected Autonomous Colleges. The shared syllabi focus on citizenship, patriotism and the social and moral obligations of a person. The syllabi aim to enhance their life and leadership skills and prepares them to face all challenges in any career or walk of life that they choose. The Autonomous Colleges and Universities have the freedom to determine and prescribe their own courses of study and syllabi, and restructure and redesign the courses to suit local needs. The UGC has not prescribed any syllabi centrally.

(c) The Vice Chancellors of Universities, which have already successfully implemented NCC as an elective, participated in the MHRD workshop held on 12th March, 2013 at Delhi and gave their presentation on all aspects of implementation.

The Vice Chancellor of Sardar Patel University, Gujarat also attended and shared the curriculum in the workshop, which was taken into account by the UGC.

(d) The University Grants Commission has decided to enhance its financial support to those Autonomous Colleges which introduce NCC as an elective subject from 2013-14.

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Hazipur

†378. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya situated at Hazipur in Vaishali is on the verge of closure for want of land;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bihar Government is not providing land for opening the said school; and

(c) the action being taken by Government for continuing the said school in such a situation and for providing land for the school?

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

(b) The Vidyalaya is presently functioning with classes I, VII, VIII, IX and X in a temporary building provided by the District Administration. The Government of Bihar has not been able to provide suitable and requisite land, free of cost, to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the construction of a permanent building by the KVS for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hazipur so far.

(c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is regularly pursuing the matter with the District Administration and the Government of Bihar to provide suitable and requisite extent of land at the earliest to construct the permanent building for the Vidyalaya.

Psychiatric counselling in institutes of higher education

379. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government is proposing to have provisions for psychiatric counselling for students studying in the institutes of higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.