

**Institutes of higher education in Rajasthan**

†2631. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government institutes of higher education for girls in Rajasthan, at present, along with the number of seats allocated for girls in these institutes;

(b) the details of Government colleges set up for girls' higher education in that State during the last ten years; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to provide higher education to girls fulfilling eligibility, at present?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The Central Government has not set up any higher educational institutes for girls in Rajasthan. Education is a subject in the Concurrent List (List-III) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. State Governments are free to create institutions and run them and hence details of such institutes set up by the State Governments are not maintained centrally.

(c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has undertaken several schemes for providing higher education to girls. These include the construction of Women Hostels Scheme, the Indira Gandhi Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme for Single Girl Child and a fellowship for single girl child for taking up research in science departments, which has been covered under the Basic Scientific Research (BSR) programme.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), special emphasis is given to the inclusion and enrolment of girls in higher education. Infrastructure grants are provided to universities and colleges for creation of facilities including girls hostels and toilets.

**Eligibility criteria for lecturership**

†2632. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, prior to 2009, Ph.D. and after 2009, NET and Ph.D have been considered required qualification for a lecturer and whether, at present, there are lakhs of such eligible candidates;

(b) whether Government has any plan to appropriately utilize these eligible and capable but unemployed teachers; and

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