

(e) and (f) Evaluation of schemes of RMK did not bring out in shortcoming. The scheme of STEP is evaluated and corrective measures are taken to improve their impact. Swayamsidha is being evaluated.

IIT status of Malviya Engineering College

†2803. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malaviya Engineering College has been accorded the status of I.I.T. and made a national institute;

(b) whether there is any justification for existence of M.N.I.I.T. after the opening of L.N. Mittal Institute of Information Technology at Jaipur; and

(c) whether the matter of according status of I.I.T. to this institute would be reconsidered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) malaviya Engineering College has not been accorded the status of IIT. However, the erstwhile Malaviya Regional College Jaipur has been taken over by the Central Government and has been made Malaviya National Institute of Technology in May, 2003.

(b) The Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur is contributing substantially to meet the country's growing requirements for trained technical manpower. Opening of L.N. Mittal Institute of Technology at Jaipur has nothing to do with the existence of Malaviya National Institute of Technology.

(c) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

Drop out in West Bengal

2804. SHRI DEVDASAPTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average drop-out rate from primary school in West Bengal is much higher than the national rate;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the elementary school drop-out rate in West Bengal is much higher than the national average of 52.8%; and

(c) whether it is a fact that out of 1.4 crore school children who drop-out every year in the country, ten lakh are from West Bengal which is highest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per the provisional data available with the Ministry, during 2003-04:

drop-out rate at primary stage (Classes I-V) in West Bengal is 33.46% as against the All India drop-out rate of 31.36%.

drop-out rate at elementary stage (classes I-VIII) in West Bengal is 63.77% as against the All India drop-out rate of 52.22%.

out of 97.5 lakh children dropping-out in the country at primary stage, 9.5 lakh are from West Bengal.

Swadhar Project at Kukatpally

2805. **SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Government to release second instalment to complete the construction project of SWADHAR Home at Kukatpally (R.R. District);

(b) if so, action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Second installment has been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh on 28.4.2005.

(c) Does not arise.