

(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.