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44.	Maintenance and rehabilitation work of Kotputli-Kishangarh Section of NH-8 (from Km. 162.50 to Km.366.20) in the State of Rajasthan.	M/s Satya Prakash & Bros. Pvt. Ltd.	9.111	4.496
45.	4-laning of existing 2-lane of NH-8 A from Bhachau to Padana (Km.324.00 to 346.00) in the State of Gujarat.	M/s Prakash Construction and Engineering Co- Prakash Bldg Associates Ltd (JV)	80.964 15.311	6.473 2.527
GRAND TOTAL (₹ in crore)			9860	922

Admission of Muslim children in schools

*478. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Muslim children face difficulty in getting admission in good schools and a large number of such children get admission in sub-standard schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details of information available with Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), the enrolment of Muslim children has increased from 10.49% in 2007-08 to 14.34% in 2013-14 at primary level. Similarly, at upper primary level, the enrolment of muslim children has increased from 8.54% in 2007-08 to 12.52% in 2013-14. At elementary level, the percentage of muslim children has increased from 9.95% in 2007-08 to 13.73% in 2013-14. In elementary schools, the incremental enrolment during 2007-08 to 2013-14 was 1.41 crore children out of which the incremental muslim

enrolment was 0.89 crore which accounts for 63% of the total incremental enrolment in elementary schools. However, at secondary level enrolment of muslim students is 9.87%. The percentage of muslim population as per census 2001 is 13.43% (the religion-wise data as per census 2011 is not available).

The Government has identified 88 muslim concentration districts in the country for focused attention in educational development. In 2014-15, ₹ 10386.66 crore has been allocated to these districts under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is 19% of the total funds allocated under SSA. New Primary schools, new upper primary schools, additional classrooms, and teachers are sanctioned on priority to these districts. 544 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been sanctioned in muslim concentration districts and currently, of their total enrolment, 25.36% are muslim girls. Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ₹ 1426.57 crore has been allocated to 88 muslim concentration districts to improve access and quality of education in secondary schools.

Translation of research innovations into practical projects.

*479. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any schemes to translate the research innovations into practical projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would consider a scheme to introduce incubation facility in campuses to promote research work?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has several schemes:-

1. On recommendation of the XI Plan Working Group on Technical Education to establish centres of excellence for advanced training and research in the certain areas such as Biotechnology, Bio-informatics, Nano-materials and Nano-technologies etc, the Ministry of Human Resource Development constituted an expert committee which drafted the Concept Note on the scheme and set up a subcommittee for developing the scheme namely “Establishment of **Centre of Excellence for Training & Research in Frontier Areas of Science & Technology**” and selection of the centres for establishing Centres of Excellence.