

The Universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012

1251. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012 provides reservation policy, as available in the public funded universities for innovation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Admissions) Act, 2006 was to be applicable to the public funded Universities for Innovation and Research. However, the Universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012 stands lapsed on dissolution of 15th Lok Sabha.

- (c) Does not arise.

Student-Teacher ratio in schools

†1252. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the Student-Teacher ratio in Government primary and middle schools;
- (b) the reasons for this anomaly and the steps Government proposes to take to solve the problem of shortage of teachers in Government schools; and
- (c) by when Government would declare any effective policy regarding this?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2013-14, the Teacher-Pupil ratio in Government schools is 1:29 at primary level and 1:32 at upper primary level.

Persistent teacher vacancies and lack of proper deployment of the available teachers causes adverse teacher-pupil ratios in some schools. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a total of 19.84 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned to States/UTs till 2014-15 to improve the Teacher-Pupil ratio, out of which 15.06 lakh teachers have been recruited upto 31st March, 2014. States/UTs have been advised to rationalize deployment of teachers and expedite the recruitment of teachers against vacancies, so as to meet the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 norms of the prescribed Teacher-Pupil ratio in every school.

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