

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The DDU-GKY scheme provides for a 12-month Industry Internship skilling initiative for rural poor youth leading to domestic placements. The scheme separately provides for prioritizing skilling projects to be undertaken for skilling rural poor youth for foreign placements.

Methodology to ensure quality of teachers

*116. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring in more methods in the line of Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) to strengthen the objectives that aim at ensuring quality of teachers in all schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the comprehensive steps taken to increase the quality of teachers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI) : (a) to (c) The Government of India under Section 23(1) of RTE Act 2009 has declared National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) as the Academic Authority for prescribing qualification for teachers. In this capacity, NCTE has laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as teacher in class I to VIII and the need to pass a Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). The State Governments, as the Appropriate Government under the RTE Act conduct TET in their jurisdiction, while the Central Teacher Eligibility Test is conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on behalf of the Central Government for Government of NCT of Delhi and other Union Territories.

In addition, in compliance of the recommendations of the Justice Verma Commission report on improving quality of Teacher Education, the NCTE is in the process of revamping teacher education programmes in order to improve the quality of teacher education programmes such as D.El.Ed., B.El.Ed; B.Ed, M.Ed.etc.

Further, under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), in-service teacher training is provided to government elementary and secondary school teachers on an annual basis to improve their capacities.