

New teachers' training programme

†*105. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to start a new teachers' training programme in the name of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan to motivate teachers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The Government of India is already implementing the centrally sponsored scheme of Teacher Education which provides financial assistance for teacher education development to States/Union Territories.

Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), in-service teacher training is provided to Government elementary and school secondary teachers on an annual basis to upgrade their capacities.

Government is scheduled to launch a scheme named as Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) which will provide an integrated platform for building synergies among all the existing initiatives that are launched or under finalisation by the Department of School Education and Literacy, University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT), Central Universities (CUs), National Institutes of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTRs) etc. providing oversight to the existing activities and also carry out new activities aimed at filling gaps so that a comprehensive vehicle for Teacher/Faculty related programmes and schemes is created.

Ground water resource assessment

*106. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has carried out any ground water resource assessment recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any special programme for Andhra Pradesh after the assessment, if so, the details thereof; and

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