

(b) No such incident occurred in Shri Ram College of Commerce as reported by University of Delhi.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Allocation of funds to Central universities

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

(a) whether Government has made any cut in allocation of funds to Central universities, recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) While taking some economy measures, Ministry of Finance has effected 10% cut in Non-Plan expenditure excluding interest payment, repayment of debt, defence capital, salaries, pension and Finance Commission grants to the States, for the year 2014-15. This is applicable to all Ministries/Departments including Central Universities.

Regulatory frameworks on philanthropic organisations

838. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of regulatory frameworks which govern philanthropic organisations in the education sector;

(b) the details of organisations that have recently emerged in the country both at school and higher education level;

(c) whether Government recognises contributory role of these institutes in imparting quality education in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to promote philanthropic engagement in the education sector; and

(d) in the light of this, whether Government would consider relaxing tax norms, tedious regulatory and other requirements and provide hassle-free procedures to encourage and promote philanthropic engagement in education on a larger scale ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) A recognized philanthropic organization in the education sector can either be in the form of a Company (registered under the Companies Act, 2013), a Society (registered under the relevant Societies Registration Act) or a Trust

(registered under the relevant Trust Act). Philanthropic contributions in social sectors, including the education sector, by a company, are governed by the provisions of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under the Companies Act, 2013. As per this Act, the Board of every company, having net worth of rupees five hundred crore or more during any financial year, shall ensure that the company spends, in every financial year, at least two per cent, of the average net profits of the company made during the three immediately preceding financial years, in pursuance of its CSR Policy. Further, the company shall give preference to the local area and areas around it where it operates, for spending the amount earmarked for CSR activities. Remittances by philanthropic organizations in the education sector are governed by the relevant laws and regulations regarding overseas remittances, tax liability etc.

A not-for-profit Society, registered under the relevant Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a not-for-profit Trust, registered under the Public Trust Act, or a not-profit Company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 can sponsor a proposal to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for recognition of their educational institution as a Deemed to be University in accordance with the provisions of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010. The status of a Deemed to be University is conferred by the Central Government on the advice of UGC.

(b) The details are not centrally maintained.

(c) The Central Government, in order to promote philanthropic contribution in the education sector has allowed States, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, to mobilize private sector funding including through innovative means Corporate Donations and Philanthropic grants, limited to 50% of the State Share which is 35% or 90%, as the case may be.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Scholarship for higher education in foreign countries

839. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether scholarships have been introduced and implemented by Government for deserving students from SCs, STs and backward classes, who wish to pursue their higher education abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the number of such scholarships to cater to more number of deserving students;