

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is proposing to increase the number of seats during the next year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that four Universities and one Deemed to be University in Delhi, are offering B. Tech. programmes. The university-wise breakup of intake capacity in B.Tech. courses in Universities and Deemed to be Universities in Delhi is as under:

Name of University	Intake
Delhi Technological University, Delhi	1713
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi	5995*
Jamia Hamdard University	120
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	700
University of Delhi, Delhi	40
TOTAL	8568

\* includes colleges intake

(b) to (e) In addition to the above-mentioned seats, B.Tech. Programme is also being offered in Delhi by Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi; National Institute of Technology, Delhi; School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi; and Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has informed that the overall availability of seats in B.Tech. courses may be meager in comparison to the population of Delhi. However, the National Capital Region (NCR) is having sufficient number of Engineering Colleges located in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to accommodate students from Delhi.

#### **Programme for meritorious students**

1576.SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government on the Central Board of Secondary Education has held a programme to felicitate meritorious students;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of students, particularly from Odisha, felicitated in the programme;
- (d) the criteria laid down for selection of students for the programme;
- (e) whether adequate financial assistance is provided to the meritorious students which would help poor and tribal students to pursue studies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) organized ABHINANDAN programme on 14th August 2014 to facilitate meritorious students including seven students from Odisha.

(d) to (f) The following were Selection Criteria for selection of students:-

- Toppers of every course, with parental income ceiling of ₹50,000/- per annum.
- Students who have been part of the 24 teams in the Science Exhibition 2013.
- Students who have excelled in CBSE competition Sports Programme in 2013.

The Central Board of Secondary Education provides the following scholarships/ reward schemes to meritorious students:-

- Reward of ₹1 Lakh to 200 toppers including SC/ST and General category who have studied from Class IX to XII in CBSE affiliated Government Schools from 2013. From 2014, reward is being provided to 400 toppers.
- Single Girl Child Scholarship for pursuing further studies for Classes XI & XII @ ₹500/- p.m. as per eligibility of candidates according to scheme.
- The Central Board of Secondary Education provides Board Merit Scholarship Scheme for SC/ST candidates @ ₹250/- for Class-X per Month and ₹500/- for Class-XII per Month.
- Scholarship to the wards of CBSE employees' who secured 60% or equivalent Grades of 60% @ ₹ 400/- for Class-VI to VIII and ₹500/- for Class-IX & XII per month.

The Central Board of Secondary Education also facilitates Central Sector Scholarship Scheme (CSSS) for pursuing graduation & post graduation level for professional as well as academic courses to meritorious students of Class-XII @ ₹ 10000/- for graduation level and ₹20000/- for post-graduation level (per annum). The scheme is fully funded by Ministry of Human Resource Development.

**Access of women students to AMU library**

1577. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University has recently ordered that women undergraduate students would not be given access to the Maulana Azad Library, the main library on the campus and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Central Government has sought an explanation from AMU on the issue; and

(c) if so, the response of AMU in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) As per the information provided by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), the present Vice-Chancellor has not given any orders on the Maulana Azad Library issue.

(b) On the basis of Press Report of discriminatory action on denial of access of girl students of Women College to the Maulana Azad Library, several clarifications were sought from the AMU.

(c) AMU has clarified that there is no restriction on entry of girls, studying at AMU main campus to the Maulana Azad Library. Only girls of Women's College, which is located three kilometres away, were not given membership of this Library for various reasons. AMU has further informed that in compliance of the Allahabad High Court ruling dated 25.11.2014 in PIL No. 61150 of 2014 girls of Women's College can now have access to the Maulana Azad Library from 08.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. every Sunday commencing from 7th December, 2014.