

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) There is a marginal decline in enrolment at primary level in government and government aided schools and increase in the enrolment in private schools.

(b) The study commissioned by the Government of India in 2013 shows that the main reason for dropout are economic reasons, family migration to other places and helping parents in domestic work, etc.

(c) Ministry has issued guidelines to States/UTs to prevent of discrimination of children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in schools.

(d) As per the information furnished by the State Governments, 4,50,947 teachers are untrained while 1,53,731 are undergoing professional training. Out of 19.85 lakh teacher posts sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) States/UTs have reported recruitment of 15.06 lakh teachers till 30th September, 2014.

Promotion of education in villages

1585. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has advised the higher educational institutions for promoting education in villages, adopting them as model villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of villages/districts proposed to be adopted as model villages in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has recently launched a programme called the “Unnat Bharat Abhiyan” with an aim to connect institutions of higher education, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) with local communities to address the development challenges through appropriate technologies. Under this Abhiyan, Rural Technology Action Groups (RuTAGs) and centres for rural development in IITs will engage with rural issues for providing technology based solutions.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.