

Integrated Education for Disabled Children

1957. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government had stopped/replaced the scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the likely adverse effects on the education of disabled children as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to restart the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The Scheme of "Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC)" was implemented till 31.3.2009, and thereafter, it has been replaced by the Scheme of "Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)" which covered IEDC disabled children at both elementary and secondary levels, children with special needs in the elementary stage are now being covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), and the scheme of IEDSS covers disabled children at the secondary and Higher Secondary stage (class IX-XII).

Invitation of US academicians under GIAN

1958. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out any modalities, proposals and financial aspects to invite US academicians at various institutions under Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for slackness in the matter; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) The draft Cabinet Note on the Scheme called Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN), which seeks to invite distinguished academicians, entrepreneurs, scientists, experts including Indian Diaspora from premier institutions across the world, including USA to teach in the higher educational institutions in India during summer and winter breaks has been circulated to the

concerned Ministries and Departments for their comments. The Scheme envisages giving international exposure to students, address shortage of faculty and also provides opportunity to faculty to learn and share knowledge and teaching skills in cutting-edge areas.

Recognition of deemed universities

1959. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had cancelled the recognition of any deemed universities in the country during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of such universities, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interest of students undergoing their studies in such universities;

(d) whether Government has ordered the private universities and colleges to appoint ombudsmen and committees to solve various problems faced by students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the list of ombudsmen appointed by the deemed universities and private universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not cancelled the recognition of any deemed universities in the country in the last five years at its own.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) UGC's Regulations provide for appointment of ombudsmen and grievance redressal mechanism by the private universities.

(e) The list of ombudsmen appointment by the private universities is not maintained in this Ministry.

Recognition of degrees by foreign universities

1960. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures for the recognition and acceptance of degrees awarded by Indian universities by foreign universities in USA, UK and the countries in European Union;

(b) if so, the details of universities recognized by universities abroad;