

visits of 124 Institutions Deemed to be Universities in the year 2009 with respect to maintenance of standards, especially with regard to the availability of qualified faculty and infrastructure and found that infrastructure was inadequate in 8 Deemed to be Universities and faculty was inadequate in 25 Deemed to be Universities. These Deemed to be Universities were asked to rectify their deficiencies. Presently, Deemed to be Universities are being regulated by UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and its subsequent amendments in 2014 and 2015.

However, UGC has informed that no punitive action has been taken by them in respect of Private Universities and Deemed to be Universities.

#### **Opening of university in South Kashmir**

†1572. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to open any university in South Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the plan of Government to take action for encouraging higher education in South Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Constitution, Education as a subject is on the Concurrent List (List III) of the Seventh Schedule. Hence setting up new universities and other institutions is the responsibility of both the State and Central Government. Central government has already opened two Central Universities in Jammu and Kashmir; one in Jammu and the second in Kashmir. Now, there is no plan to open any further Central University in South Kashmir or in Jammu and Kashmir.

However, recognizing the needs of higher education, the Central Government has launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which seeks to expand the institutional base by creating additional capacity in existing institutions and establish new institutions in order to correct regional imbalances and provide access to quality education in unserved and underserved areas.

Based on the State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) submitted by the state of Jammu and Kashmir under RUSA, the Central Government has approved setting up of two universities by clustering of colleges at Srinagar and Jammu. In addition, two new professional colleges at Kathua and Ganderbal; upgradation of existing

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colleges to model degree colleges at Shopian, Samba and Ganderbal; infrastructure grants to the University of Jammu and University of Kashmir; infrastructure grants to 22 colleges; and support for vocationalisation of higher education in 20 colleges have also been approved under RUSA.

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

#### **Emergency response mechanism in Schools**

1573. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up emergency response mechanism in schools across the country to deal with situations like natural disasters such as earthquake, fire, violence, falls, stampedes, terror attacks, suicide attempts or children falling sick due to stale, contaminated mid day meals, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has told schools to have CCTV in working order;

(d) if so, how many schools have installed these facilities in their premises; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The Government has issued guidelines to States/UTs to incorporate designs and parameters in construction of schools which are resistant to earthquakes and provide protection against fire, flood and other natural calamities. The Government has also advised the States to put in place Emergency Medical Plan in the schools to avoid any untoward incidents. Fire extinguishers have been installed in most of the schools. The Ministry has also issued guidelines on Food Safety and Hygiene for school based kitchens in February, 2015 which *inter alia* include guidelines to prevent food contamination etc.

(c) to (e) No instruction regarding installation of CCTV in the schools has been issued from this Ministry.

#### **Common entrance examination for central universities**

1574. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is proposing to conduct a common entrance examination for all 42 central universities in the country;