

Omnibus education regulator and massive investments on campuses no less in area and infrastructure than the regular universities; and

(c) from where the funds for the KG to PG projects are likely to be mobilised, while Government is still struggling to find resources for its SSA and RTE schemes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI) : (a) to (c) The Government of India is currently implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) and the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDM) for the development of elementary education, the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programme for the development of secondary education and the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for supporting the higher education sector. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) component is provided under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS). It is up to the State Governments to converge these schemes for effective provision of educational services from Kindergarten (KG) to Post-graduation (PG), appropriately.

Counselling facility for specially-abled children

304. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools with the facility of counselling the specially-abled children in Central Government run schools, State-wise and organization-wise; and

(b) the number of special counsellors employed and the number of centres the Central Government supports for training teachers for specially-abled children?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI) : (a) and (b) Counsellors are engaged on contract basis at Vidyalaya level in the Kendriya Vidyalayas wherever necessary. Regular teachers are trained in guidance and counselling in addition to in house training programmes for teachers to take care of the counselling requirements of specially-abled children. As far as Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are concerned, the Principals of these schools are authorized to engage the services of professional counselor / psychiatrist from a government hospital to provide guidance and support to such students.

B.Ed. programme in Tamil Nadu

305. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students from Tamil Nadu will not be able to pursue the new four