

(c) AICTE grants financial assistance under various schemes such as Research Promotion, Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence, Industry Institute Partnership, National Facility in Engineering and Technology with Industrial Collaboration, National Co-ordinated Projects, Entrepreneurship Management Development, Quality Improvement Programme, Early Faculty Induction Programme, Faculty Development Programmes, Emeritus Fellowship, Visiting Professorship, Career Award Scheme, Seminar, Symposia and workshops, International Travel Grants, Distinguished Visiting Professorship, National Doctoral Fellowship. The seven Indian Institutes of Technology are acting as nucleus to provide leadership role for improvement of quality of technical education system in the respective region. The Government has also upgraded the erstwhile Regional Engineering Colleges and converted them into National Institutes of Technology with Deemed University status and fully funded institutions of the Central Government. A programme for improvement of Quality of Technical Education in the country namely Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India has been launched.

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

Cases of paper leakage

19. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a number of incidents of paper leakage of various Government controlled examinations;

(b) if so, the details of all such cases during the last one year;

(c) the number of officials found involved in each case and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Question paper for All India Pre Medical Pre-Dental Entrance (Preliminary) Examination, 2004 conducted by CBSE and scheduled for 11.4.2004 was leaked out. The Question paper was leaked by a Computer Assistant working in the office of the Controller of Examinations of CBSE,

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who was engaged for typing the question paper. The Computer Assistant concerned has been placed under suspension by CBSE. The Delhi Police registered a case in this matter and has made detailed investigations. They arrested six culprits including allegedly the kingpin, and the chargesheet has been filed by the Delhi Police. There was also alleged leakage of question papers of 2003 examinations. CBI has filed a charge sheet in this case also against five accused. A High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. Veera Raghavan, Former Secretary, MHRD, Government of India has been set up by the CBSE to examine various procedures currently adopted by the CBSE with a purpose to identify the loopholes in the system of examinations. It will also suggest necessary measures for strengthening the system of eliminate any possibility of leakage of question papers.

In an another case, the Question paper for Common Admission Test (CAT)-2003 scheduled for 23rd November, 2003 for admission to IIMs was leaked. CBI had busted a racket of leakage of question papers. Shri Arun Kumar, Kumar Suman Singh, Manoj Kumar and Hari Shankar Chaudhary in conspiracy among themselves and other unknown persons procured CAT question paper by theft or criminal breach of trust. A regular case has been registered by CBI. The Ministry has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri V.K. Shunglu, ex C&AG to examine the circumstances which led to leakage of question paper and to see whether there was any systemic failure, to fix responsibility on those persons/ agency responsible for the leakage and to examine the methodology of conduct of CAT examination and to suggest measures to avoid recurrence of such instances in future.

Navodaya/Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country

20. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas set up in different parts of the country during the last three years and till date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the amount spent on setting up of such Vidyalayas during this period?