

for Academic Networks (GIAN) to enable foreign faculty to teach some courses in the higher educational institutions. The position of vacancies in Central Institutions in West Bengal is as under:

Name of the Institution	Sanctioned Posts	In position	Vacant
ISM Dhanbad	455	272	183
IIT Kharagpur	1127	607	520
IIM Calcutta	104	89	15
NIT Durgapur	285	190	95
IISER Kolkata	95	84	11
Visva-Bharati University	639	544	95

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Bihar

†2117. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy deduction has been made in the amount supposed to be given to Bihar under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the policy of Government in this regard, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) With effect from financial year 2015-16, the Ministry of Finance has revised the fund sharing pattern of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) from the ratio of 65:35 to 60:40 between Centre and the States. These changes in the fund sharing pattern are based on the report of the Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on Rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes constituted by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. With the acceptance of the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission by Government of India, the devolution to the States has increased from 32% to 42% of the net Union Tax Receipts. This is expected to entail devolution of additional resources to States as untied funds.

Funds for cooking gas to Rajasthan for mid-day meal scheme

†2118. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether consequent upon withdrawal of gas subsidy, the Government proposes to make a payment of ₹ 714.34 lakh to the State

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