

**Minority educational institutions**

2145. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a very few minority educational institutions are there in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government prepare to open more institutions in near future?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The number of educational institutions granted minority status by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has increased from 21 in 2005 to 11,384 during the last ten years. In addition, the State governments also grant minority status to educational institutions. Under the Scheme of Sub-mission on Polytechnics, financial assistance has also been given for establishment of polytechnics in Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs). Similarly, under the scheme for establishment of Model Degree Colleges in Educationally Backward Districts, funds have been released for setting up of Model Degree Colleges in MCDs also.

**Recommendation for admission in Central Schools**

†2146. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of children recommended for admission in Central schools by Chairman of Central School Board in academic year 2015-16;

(b) whether all these children whose names have been forwarded by Chairman belonged to the families living below poverty line;

(c) if so, whether all admitted candidates have submitted proof of living below poverty line; and

(d) if not, the number of children whose families have submitted BPL certificates?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) During the academic session 2015-16, 5128 recommendations were made by Chairperson, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) for admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs). All the children so recommended did not submit the proof of living below the poverty line, since it was not a necessary condition for admission to KVs.

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