

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has received a recommendation from the committee constituted on the issue concerning IIT, NIT entrance examinations, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(c) and (d) Based on the decision taken in the 49th meeting of the Council of IITs held on October 6, 2015 at IIT Bombay, Ministry of Human Resource Development constituted a Committee of eminent persons to review the current JEE System for admission in IITs and NITs. The Committee has submitted its report on November 5, 2015, which has been uploaded on the website of the Ministry for feedback/comments of stakeholders.

Funds for mid-day-meals in Rajasthan

†2155. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Rajasthan has requested the Government to pay an amount of ₹ 22.84 cr. which has been deducted from Food Corporation of India against the cost of foodgrains for mid-day-meals; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to allocate the said amount to the State, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The proposal of the State Government relates to release of funds for pending liability towards payment of cost of foodgrains to FCI. There is a challenge with regard to the progress furnished by the State and hence the State Government has been reminded to furnish necessary clarifications in the matter.

Model degree college in educationally backward district

2156. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of Educationally Backward district;

(b) whether Government is implementing a Centrally sponsored scheme to establish one model degree college in each of the identified educationally backward district in the country, if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.