Higher education institution for each Ministry

- 867. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is thinking of setting up of higher education institutions for each Department or Ministry which are primarily the engines of economic growth;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

School infrastructure for specially abled children

868. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that school infrastructure constructed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is not friendly to the needs of specially abled children, if so, the reasons therefor,
- (b) the steps taken by Government in this regard and funds sanctioned for the same during last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the number of specially abled children enrolled under SSA at all levels, State-wise; and
- (d) the detail of schools providing infrastructure friendly to the needs of the specially abled children, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The school infrastructure constructed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is friendly to the needs of specially abled children. As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE: 2013-14), 82.33% schools have ramps and handrails.

(b) Under SSA, guidelines/directives have been issued regarding barrier-free design and access in school buildings for the benefit of children with special needs (CWSN). State-wise details of the funds sanctioned in the last three years to make school infrastructure friendly to the needs of specially abled children are given in the Statement-I (See below).