

is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions.

National Testing Service

2060. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made on setting up the National Testing Service proposed by the Government last year;

(b) whether the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) like exam to select candidates eligible for the Joint Entrance Examination would come into effect from 2017-18 as envisaged, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how Government would ensure that such an exam does not hurt disadvantaged sections of society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) The Committee constituted to review the current Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) System for admission in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) inter-alia recommended setting up a National Testing Service and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) type examination for screening candidates for the JEE (Advanced) exam.

The report of the Committee was examined in consultation with the stakeholders and it was decided not to implement that system for the year 2017-18 in view of the implications for the students from the rural areas.

Migration of students after receiving subsidised education

2061. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no information is maintained by the Ministry about number of pass outs from IITs/IIMs taking up jobs/setting in other countries, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the economic loss due to migration of such students having highly subsidised education has been ever estimated, if so, the findings thereof; and