

**Vidyanjali Yojana**

†2842. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed one and all to study in all the Government schools under Vidyanjali Yojana;

(b) if so, the criteria to determine whether teacher fulfils the eligibility conditons or not; and

(c) if not, the real objective of Vidyanjali Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (c) 'Vidyanjali', a School Volunteer Programme was launched in June, 2016 by Central Government to involve people from Indian Diaspora, retired teachers, retired Government officials including retired defence personnel, retired professionals and women who are home makers having graduation degree to strengthen implementation of co-scholastic activities in Government schools.

Volunteers under the programme will offer their services to Government schools through an online portal developed by *MyGov.in*. The Volunteers will conduct one or more co-scholastic activities with children such as reading to children; helping children with creative writing; public speaking; play acting and preparing story books. Volunteers under the programme will not be involved in academic teaching as Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates that only suitably qualified persons are eligible to teach in schools.

**Buxar Kendriya Vidyalaya functioning without its own building**

†2843. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar not having their own building;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya at Buxar, having no building of its own is being run in the premises of another Vidyalaya;

(c) the impediments being faced in providing building for the Vidyalaya; and

(d) the details of efforts being made to remove those impediments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) 22 Kendriya Vidyalayas

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(KVs) in Bihar do not have their own buildings, and are running in temporary accommodation provided by Sponsoring Authorities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) KV Buxar was started in the year 2003-04 with the sponsorship of State Government of Bihar. The Vidyalaya was started in temporary accommodation provided by State Government with an assurance to provide land free of cost as per Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) norms for construction of permanent school building. However, the land as per the KVS norms has not been provided by the State Government so far.

(d) The matter relating to transfer of land for KV Buxar and other KVs of Bihar was taken up with State Government of Bihar from time to time by KVS as well as by this Ministry. The latest communication on the issue from this Ministry is a letter dated 25.5.2016 from the Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy to the Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar.

#### **Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Gujarat and Rajasthan**

†2844. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of establishing Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the details of such operational Vidyalayas currently, State-wise;

(c) the extent to which the objectives of establishing Navodaya Vidyalayas have been achieved; and

(d) whether there is any plan for opening such Vidyalayas in the country, particularly in Gujarat and Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are set up with the objective of providing good quality modern education to the talented children, predominantly from the rural areas without regard to their family's socio-economic condition.

(b) Details showing the State/UT-wise details of the functional JNVs in the country at present are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The students of JNVs are excelling in various fields like engineering, medical science, armed forces, civil services etc. at par with the best of the talent from the country.

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