

(b) The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh had requested in July, 2014 for upgradation of Upper Primary Schools to residential schools in naxal affected areas of Chhattisgarh. In response, this Ministry has informed the State Government that norms of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) do not provide for financial assistance for setting up residential secondary schools and therefore, the State Government should consider providing hostel facilities by way of convergence with schemes of Tribal Welfare and Social Welfare Departments.

The Central Government has sanctioned upgradation of 25 porta cabin upper primary schools to secondary level and 25 girl's hostels in 8 LWE affected districts of Bastar region in the Annual Work Plan and Budget, 2016-17 under RMSA Programme.

Building for Central University in Jharkhand

†2855. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central University in Jharkhand has not been shifted to its own building so far and it is being run at Panchayat Training Campus;

(b) whether it is also a fact that efficiency enhancement related works of Panchayat representatives of Jharkhand are getting affected due to running of the Central University at the Panchayat campus for training; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would like to take, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The construction work of new buildings has been stopped as CBI is conducting an enquiry into the complaints of irregularities related to construction activities. CBI has advised the University not to release any payments to the Contractors/suppliers/architects. As such, the buildings are incomplete and the University has not been able to shift to the new buildings.

Establishment of offices of Central Institutes in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh

2856. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated setting up of the offices/department/Institutions that come under it like Department of School and Higher Education, IIT, JNU, Kendriya Vidyalaya, National Open Schooling, NIT, Central Classical Institute, JNV, etc. in the Amravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh; if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether any request relating to procurement of land and infrastructure needed for this purpose have been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with status thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) In so far as Department of Higher Education is concerned, there is no such proposal to set up any Central institution in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh. Information in respect of Department of School Education and Literacy is being collected.

Revival of technical institutes in the country

†2857. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that technical institutes in various parts of the country are not functioning or are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take some steps to revive these institutes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) No, Sir. A total of 10,328 technical institutions functioned in the country with a total enrolment of 20.26 lakh students in 2015-16. Only 125 institutions in 2015-16 and 106 institutions in 2016-17 have applied for closure due to variety of reasons, and have been allowed to shut down by the AICTE.

(b) and (c) The private technical institutes are independent educational entities having full autonomy in their management and financial matters. The Government has no scheme for reviving such institutes.

Review committee for UGC grants

†2858. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a five member committee to review the grants given by University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the subjects for review/terms of reference of the committee; and

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