

(IEIs) alone; joint degrees are not permitted. The regulations provide for time-bound processing of the online applications by the UGC. The regulations are available at www.egazette.nic.in/www.ugc.ac.in

(b) The new regulations have been notified on 11th July, 2016 and it is too early to assess the response.

(c) It has been announced on 3rd June, 2016 by the Government that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) will provide support for engagement of academics from leading foreign universities with State universities for curriculum and pedagogical reforms.

Scrapping of reservation for OBC category in Central Universities

1244. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has issued a circular whereby it has scrapped reservation for OBC category for the posts of professor and associate professor in Central Universities, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): There has been no change in the reservation policy for SC, ST and OBC in appointment of faculty in Central Universities and the University Grants Commission has clarified this to all Central Universities *vide* their letter No. F.59-6/2012(CU) dated 7th June, 2016.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Odisha

1245. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme for the last five years to Odisha;

(b) whether any analysis has been carried out recently to know the status of implementation of various schemes under SSA in Odisha;

(c) the quantum of allocation for Jagatsinghpur district for the last five years under SSA; and

(d) the details and status of schemes initiated under SSA in Jagatsinghpur district during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) Details of Central share of