

Research projects for teachers

2602. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new research projects approved by the UGC under the scheme of Research Projects for Teachers in the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the amount allocated under the scheme in the last three years;
- (c) whether it has increased or decreased over the period of last three years; and
- (d) if decreased, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRANATH PANDEY): (a) As per the information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 1,552 and 994 new research projects were approved by it under the scheme of Research Projects for Teachers in 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively. In 2015-16, no new projects was sanctioned due to the finalization of major research projects sanctioned earlier.

(b) to (d) The amount allocated and released under the scheme in the last three years are as follows:

(in ₹ Cr.)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount allocated and released
1.	2013-14	39.80
2.	2014-15	47.70
3.	2015-16	107.00*

* Amount released in 2015-16 was towards finalisation of payments due for the projects taken up in earlier periods.

Allocation and release of funds by UGC, for taking up new research projects under the scheme of Research Projects for Teachers, depends on the availability of quality and innovative project proposals.

Content of textbooks of CBSE and ICSE

2603. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the existing system for examination and approval of the content of textbooks of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any case has been registered for the objectionable content of textbooks in CBSE and ICSE and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) prescribes textbooks developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Textbooks developed by NCERT are approved by the National Monitoring Committee constituted by the Government. CBSE from time to time receives such representations which are disposed of by the concerned subject experts Committee. Textbook Development Committee (TDC) of NCERT from time to time also reviews textbooks for further modification. Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) prescribes textbooks for the study of Literature in English and in other language. The content of material for inclusion in the textbooks is selected by a panel of subject experts who recommend the content and finally approved by the Standing Committee on Examinations. CISCE has not registered any case for objectionable content.

Telugu Vidyapeeth in Telangana

2604. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government of Telangana requesting for establishment of Telugu Vidyapeeth in Nalgonda, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action has been initiated by the Ministry in this regard, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal under consideration to set up a new Central University by the name of Telugu Vidyapeeth in Nalgonda. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 *inter alia* provides for establishment of one Central University and one Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh.

During the Twelfth Plan (2012-17), as approved by National Development Council (NDC) the thrust 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.