

**Double fee policy in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

†2605. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a decision has been taken to effect double fee policy at Kendriya Vidyalayas, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the students would be adversely affected by such a policy; and
- (c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRAKUSHWAHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**UNESCO report on child education**

2606. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) report recently released, over 60 million children in India receive little or no formal education and the country has over 11.1 million out of school students in the lower secondary level, the highest in the world;
- (b) whether at the upper secondary level, 46.8 million are out of school, while 2.9 million students do not even attend primary school; and
- (c) whether according to the said report, by 2020 there will be a shortage of 40 million workers with tertiary education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRAKUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) As per the report jointly released by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and the Global Education Monitoring, the number of out of school children in the upper primary school going age in India was 11.1 million in 2013. The report also points out that 46.8 million children of secondary and higher secondary school going age and 2.9 million children of primary school going age are not in school in India. UNESCO has not involved the Ministry of Human Resource Development in this exercise.

As per an independent survey commissioned in 2014 by Ministry of Human Resource Development, 60.64 lakh children were estimated to be out of school in the age group of 6 to 13 years. The number of out of school children in the age group of 6 to 13 years has declined from 134.59 lakh in 2005 to 81.50 lakh in 2009 and further to 60.64 lakh in 2014.

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