

upper primary schools respectively. As per U-DISE 2014-15, the Gross Enrolment Ratio at primary and upper primary level is 100.08% and 91.24% respectively.

- (v) To ensure quality education at the secondary level, various interventions are funded under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. These include provision for additional teachers to improve Pupil Teacher Ratio; induction and in-service training for Principals, Teachers, Master Trainers and Key Resource Persons; Maths and Science kits; Lab equipments; Special teaching for learning enhancement; ICT facilities in schools; and introduction of vocational education component at the secondary level.
- (vi) As bridging gender gaps in elementary education is one of the four goals of SSA, attempts are being made to reach out to girls and children belonging to SCs, STs and Muslim Minority communities. SSA has provided 2.04 lakh primary and 1.59 upper primary schools for insuring universal access. SSA strategies for promotion of girls' education include *inter-alia*, opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers sensitisation programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching learning materials including textbooks. In addition, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been opened in educationally backward blocks where the female rural literacy rate is below the national average, to provide residential upper primary schools for girls belonging to SCs/STs/OBCs/Muslim and BPL families.

#### **Cluster universities under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan**

3280. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the progress made by Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) since 2013 till today; and
- (b) how many colleges have been converted to cluster universities under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRANATH PANDEY): (a) As on date, 29 States and 6 UTs are participating in Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). State Higher Education Councils are present in 34 States/UTs. 34 States/UTs have submitted their State Higher Education Plans (SHEPs). 10 meetings of the Project Approval Board (PAB) have been held. As on, an amount of ₹ 2110.79 crores has been released as Central Share to States

under various components. The details of units approved under each component is given in the Statement (*See* below).

Steps have been taken to strengthen monitoring and evaluation mechanism towards the implementation of the RUSA programme by creating robust digital monitoring mechanism. In addition, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in implementation of the scheme to its targeted beneficiaries, the use of Public Finance Management Systems(PFMS) and Geotagging of institutions has been made mandatory and all States/UTs have boarded on to this facility.

(b) Under Component 2: 'Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster', the Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved creation of 8 universities *i.e.* 1 in Andhra Pradesh, 1 in Himachal Pradesh, 2 in Jammu and Kashmir, 1 in Karnataka, 1 in Maharashtra, 1 in Manipur and 1 in Odisha.

#### **Statement**

##### *Details of units approved under each component under RUSA*

Sl. No.	Component	Achievement and Coverage
1.	Creation Universities by way of upgradation of existing autonomous colleges	7
2.	Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster	8
3.	Infrastructure grants to Universities	115
4.	New Model Colleges (General)	72
5.	Upgradation of existing degree colleges to model colleges	55
6.	New Colleges (Professional)	27
7.	Infrastructure grants to colleges	1211
8.	Research, innovation and quality improvement	3
9.	Equity initiatives	18
10.	Faculty Recruitment Support	2
11.	Faculty improvements	8 States
12.	Vocationalisation of Higher Education	7 States
13.	Leadership Development of Educational Administrators	Centrally Administered
14.	Management Information System	Centrally Administered

Sl. No.	Component	Achievement and Coverage
15.	Capacity building and preparation, Data collection and planning	35 States/ UTs
16	Institutional restructuring and reforms	

**German language in violation of education policy**

3281. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teaching German language in Kendriya Vidyalaya is in violation of National Policy on Education, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether National Policy on Education includes international languages other than English under Development of languages, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) At present German is being offered as an additional foreign language in the Kendriya Vidyalayas, which is not in violation of the National Policy on Education (NPE).

(b) The extant provisions of NPE stipulates that special emphasis needs to be laid on the study of English and other International languages. World knowledge is growing at a tremendous pace, especially in science and technology. India must not only keep up this growth but should also make her own significant contribution to it.

**Seventh Pay Commission to teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

†3282. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) have got the benefits of Seventh Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, since when and if not, the reasons for not giving benefit to them, details thereof?

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.