

assigned to recommend measures for improvement in the regulatory framework of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The objectives of this task are to examine and improve the existing Higher Education regulatory framework in line with contemporary national and global requirements and to enhance the quality of Higher Education in India.

(b) to (d) NITI Aayog along with Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the UGC were assigned the task of finalizing a regulatory framework for setting up of 20 world-class institutions. The draft regulations and guidelines for the same has been placed in the public domain for comments. The guidelines will suggest the roadmap for implementation of the regulatory framework. The identification/selection of the institutes for world class institutions will be made only after the guidelines and regulations are finalized and notified.

### **Teaching of German language in Kendriya Vidyalaya**

997. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

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

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Goethe Institute (Max-Mueller Bhawan) for teaching of German language was entered into some time back;

(b) if so, the number of students who studied German language under the MoU during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the MoU is not being renewed now; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and its likely impact on preparing Indian youth for a globalised world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was entered into between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Goethe Institute on 23rd September 2011, for teaching of German language to the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs).

(b) The MoU envisages introduction in KVs German as one of the third languages from classes VI to VIII. The number of students who studied German language under the MoU in KVs during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Students who studied German as 3rd language
2012-13	17772
2013-14	36728
2014-15	50978

(c) and (d) The MoU was valid for a period of three years and was not renewed thereafter as some of the provisions of the MoU were not consistent with the provisions of the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1968 as well as the provisions of the National Curriculum Framework, 2005 relating to three language formula. However, even in the absence of an MoU, German continues to be offered as an additional foreign language in the KVs and 11225 and 42918 KV students have been learning German during the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively. As such, absence of an MoU is not in any way adversely impacting the youth in preparing themselves for a globalized world.

**Inter-University Centres for Teacher Education  
in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh**

998. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC is planning to set up Inter-University Centres for Teacher Education in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, to give impetus to teachers education, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is going to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has set up an Inter-University Centre (IUC) for teacher education in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. A shortlist of applications for the post of Director of IUC has been prepared by the UGC.

**Appointment of Directors in IIMs**

999. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:

SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

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

(a) whether the post of directors in most of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have been lying vacant presently, if so, the name of these IIMs;