

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. With a view to promote enrolment of girls in higher education institutions, Government implements several initiatives through University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) namely (i) Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child, (ii) Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Science, (iii) Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women and (iv) PRAGATI Scheme (Degree and Diploma level) for Girl Child.

Introduction of new portal for examination

†1024. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating introduction of a new portal regarding exams for the benefit of the students in all the universities on the lines of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Uttar Pradesh (AKTU);

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it is not contemplating introduction of a new portal regarding exams. However, Universities are autonomous entities administratively governed by their Acts, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations and are free to frame their own portals including a portal for examinations.

Motihari and Nalanda as education hub

†1025. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether Government has given approval to any proposal to make Motihari and Nalanda in Bihar as education hub; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) At present no

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

such proposal is pending with the Central Government. However, in order to revive the ancient Nalanda University, the Central Government has established the Nalanda University as an international institution of academic excellence in Rajgir, Bihar. The Central Government has also established the Mahatma Gandhi Central University in Motihari, with its territorial jurisdiction extending to the territory in the North of the river Ganges in the State of Bihar *vide* the Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2014.

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan in Uttar Pradesh

1026. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of 225 State High Schools in 2013-14 and 258 schools in 2015-16 has been approved by the Government under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in Uttar Pradesh under funding pattern of 60:40 ratio;

(b) the amount so far approved and released for providing infrastructure in these schools; and

(c) the time by which the remaining amount is proposed to be released and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), construction of 225 secondary schools in Uttar Pradesh was approved in 2013-14 with total outlay of ₹ 13077.00 lakh @ ₹ 58.12 lakh/school on the sharing pattern of 75:25. An amount of ₹ 5204.67 lakh was released for these 225 schools in the year 2014-15. Further, due to State Government's inability to construct the schools on the rates approved in 2013-14, approval for these 225 schools was cancelled on the request of the State Government. Fresh approval for these 225 schools was granted on revised rates in 2015-16 with total outlay of ₹ 17021.25 lakh @ ₹ 75.65 lakh/school on the sharing pattern of 60:40. In addition, 258 new secondary schools were also approved in 2015-16 with total outlay of ₹ 19517.70 lakh @ ₹ 75.65 lakh/school on the sharing pattern of 60:40. An amount of ₹ 10296.91 lakh has been released in the year 2016-17 for construction of these 483 schools.

(c) Release of next instalment for construction of these 483 secondary schools depends upon the receipt of the expenditure statement/utilization certificate from the State Government and satisfactory physical progress of construction of these schools.