

Ranking in World Happiness Report

1670. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks at the 117th position out of the 158 countries in the World Happiness Report, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the quest for happiness is closely related to the quest for sustainable development, which is the combination of human well-being, social inclusion and environmental sustainability; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to achieve happiness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The subject does not come under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

**Scholarship Schemes for promoting higher education
in Jammu and Kashmir**

1671. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various scholarship and vocational employment schemes instituted in Jammu and Kashmir to promote higher education among Kashmiri youth;

(b) the number of students enrolled under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) during the last three years; and

(c) the details of grants allocated by Government and disbursed to the students under PMSSS during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) Various Scholarship and Vocational Employment Schemes instituted in Jammu and Kashmir, by the Government are:—

- (i) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir is being implemented by Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Scheme aims at encouraging the youth from Jammu and Kashmir to take advantage of the educational institutions located outside the State, which would provide them an opportunity to interact with their counterparts in the rest of the country, thereby to be part of the mainstream. Under the scheme, students are allotted seats in the institutions which are either approved under

Section 12B of University Grants Commission Act or recognized by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) or the Indian Nursing Council.

The Government has taken several initiatives to ensure that the benefits of the scheme is availed by all deserving students. As a result of various initiatives including creation of ten supernumerary quota in Engineering Colleges, more number of students have benefited under the scheme as compared to previous academic year 2015-16.

- (ii) Udaan, the Special Industry Initiative (SII) for Jammu and Kashmir is implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs through National Skill Development Corporation. Under the scheme youth from Jammu and Kashmir, who are either Graduate or three year Engineering Diploma holders, are provided skills training to enhance their employability.
- (iii) Himayat is a special initiative for skill empowerment and employment of Jammu and Kashmir youth. The scheme is implemented by Ministry of Rural Development. Under the scheme, school/college drop outs are provided training in various job-intensive vocational courses so as to enable them to gain employment or become self employed.

(b) Details of the number of students enrolled under the Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of students enrolled
2014-15	1508
2015-16	1402
2016-17	2240

(c) Details of grants allocated and disbursed to the students under the Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir are as under:

Year	Fund allocated (₹ in crores)	Disbursed (₹ in crores)
2013-14	124.23	59.82
2014-15	50.00	85.25
2015-16	74.77	96.83
2016-17	139.00	123.64