

Kinnaur (HP), have been constructed as per Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti norms, having concrete made pucca academic blocks. NVS has further informed that 41 JNVs are functioning from temporary accommodation provided by the respective State Governments. Out of these 41 JNVs, 27 JNVs have concrete made pucca academic blocks. All these 594 JNVs have facility of safe drinking water.

(c) NVS has informed that the class rooms at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Ranti, District Madhubani, Bihar, have Asbestos Cement (AC) sheet roofing with pucca brick walls, and that safe drinking water is available at the Vidyalaya.

Indian Institute of Management Bill, 2017

2462. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the Indian Institute of Management Bill, 2017 which aims at permitting IIMs to grant degrees rather than diplomas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to declare the Indian Institutes of Management as institutes of national importance;

(c) whether the proposed Bill would also aim at providing complete autonomy to IIMs apart from accountability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) Bill 2017 and has introduced it in the Lok Sabha on 9th February, 2017. The Bill aims to grant statutory status to Indian Institutes of Management to enable them to grant degrees to their students in the academic courses conducted by these institutes. The Bill also intends to ensure greater synergy and functional autonomy along with commensurate accountability in academic and financial matters.

Misleading advertisements by deemed to be universities

2463. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in any mechanism to monitor the advertisements of deemed to be universities across the country which, inspite of getting lower ranking,

projects itself as recipients of higher ranking by NAAC viz. A+, A++, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of mechanism in place to check the indulgence in malpractices particularly regarding their ratings; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is a Accreditation Agency to assess and accredit Institutions of higher education including Deemed to be Universities in the country in the form of grades. It does not rank the institutions.

NAAC displays the list of accredited Institutions along with their grades and validity period on its website. NAAC has also put, on its website warning and cautionary notices that “Institutions accredited by NAAC, if found misleading or providing false information to misguide the public and students by projecting themselves as recipients of higher grading by NAAC and showing accredited Institutions even after the validity period is over, are liable to face stringent action by NAAC”. Further, to create public awareness, NAAC through articles and press releases has requested the stakeholders to ensure the authenticity and validity of the institutional grades by verifying the same from the NAAC website.

Apart from above, UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 provide that no Institution Deemed to be University shall issue or publish any false or misleading advertisement for inducing students for taking admission in the Institution. In case of violation of the Regulations, stringent action shall be taken by UGC against the Institutions.

Research and infrastructure in IITs and IIMs

2464. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take steps to ensure that research and infrastructures are given a boost in IITs and IIMs in order to bring them at par with global standards; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) Government is taking several measures to improve the ranking of the IITs by promoting research through initiatives like the IMPRINT India, Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) and