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- (ii) Establishment of DIETs has been approved for 498 Districts in 28 States and 4 Union Territories.
- (iii) Upgradation of 124 Secondary Teacher Education Institutions has been sanctioned in 24 States and 1 Union Territory.
- (iv) Strengthening of SCERTs was sanctioned for 19 States and 1 Union Territory.
- (v) The fifth component *viz.* Establishment and Strengthening of University Departments of Education, through University Grants Commission, could not be implemented as such, though strengthening of a few selected University Departments of Education was sanctioned under the third component mentioned above.

**National languages as medium of examination**

2018. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "National Institute of Open Schooling" conducted by HRD is encouraging the children to write examinations in their mother tongue which are the national languages mentioned in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if not, whether Government would immediately make arrangement to include Tamil and other national languages as medium from the current academic year for general and vocational courses as more than 25 lakh Tamil people are living as minority in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by the National Institute of Open Schooling, a learner can write the examination in any scheduled regional language.

**Stree Shakti Scheme**

2019. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the Karnataka