

Navodaya Vidyalaya scheme provides for opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country. Government has accorded approval for establishment of 62 new JNVs in uncovered districts of the country (as on 31.5.2014). As and when any proposal for opening of new JNVs in uncovered districts created after 31.5.2014 is taken up, the uncovered districts of the State of Telangana will also be included.

(b) At present 32 KVs and 9 JNVs are functioning in the State of Telangana.

Books in regional language

2770. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has received any information and taken any steps for not giving the text books for standard 10th in the regional languages including Gujarati for the examination in April, 2017, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): Under Centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan of Ministry of Human Resource Development, there is no provision for supplying text books to the secondary school students. However, the Gujarat State Board of School Textbooks prepares and publishes the textbooks in regional language *i.e.* Gujarati language and distributes State wide before the beginning of academic year.

Permanent and contractual staff in NIOS

2771. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed any rule which allows to pay pension as well as consultancy in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);

(b) the details of the permanent and contractual staff in NIOS, State-wise;

(c) the details of incharge Regional Director's working at regional offices in the country; and

(d) the details of work distribution and responsibilities at NIOS Headquarter and at Regional Offices, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Pension under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 was paid, to the regular staff of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), appointed before 01.01.2004.