

Distribution of books by NIOS

1358. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the late distribution of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) text book for 10th and 12th standards for the examination in April, 2017;

(b) if so, the details of time table for text book distribution; and

(c) the details of the planning of text book distribution including placement of order, compilation of printing, details of distribution, receipt of the text book by the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) Yes Sir, there has been some delay as M/s Hindustan Paper Corporation could not supply the ordered quantity of paper due to closure of their paper mill. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) had to make alternate arrangements for procurement of paper through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal (DGS&D) as required for printing of study materials of NIOS.

(b) NIOS supplies the study material to its students immediately after the admission is over on the address provided by the learner in the admission form through the Department of Posts, Government of India.

(c) The subject contents are prepared by the Academic Department of NIOS with the help of outside subject experts. Thereafter study material is printed based on enrolment of previous year after adding growth component. The study material is printed from empanelled printers duly selected through open tendering process as per General Financial Rules (GFRs) of Government of India. Once the study material is received after printing in NIOS stores, it is dispatched to the individual learner immediately after their taking admission in NIOS. The study material is delivered to the learners at their door-step through Department of Posts, Government of India. NIOS offers online admission throughout the year (24X7) for Session 2016-17 in two blocks 16.03.2016 to 15.09.2016 (Block-I) and 16.09.2016 to 15.03.2017 (Block-II). After registering online, the learners submit their application with documents at the Regional Centres for further processing. The Material Distribution Unit (M.D. Unit)

receives data from Computer Unit/Regional Centres after the confirmation of admission of the learners from dispatch of books. M.D. Unit sends study material through Business Parcel Post (BPP) service (Surface) of the Indian Postal Department directly to the learner's residence. NIOS use barcode system for prompt delivery to the addressee and sends messages (SMS) to the registered learners containing dispatch details. These dispatch details are also available at NIOS website. The dispatch status of Regional Centre-wise is given in the Statement-I and II respectively.

Statement-I

*Status of Regional Centre-wise dispatch of study material admission session
2016-17 (Block-I) of Sec. and Sr. Sec. courses.*

Sl. No.	Region	Total admission data received of Sec. & Sr. Sec. Course	Total despatched
1	2	3	4
1.	Hyderabad	1548	1548
2.	Pune	10939	10939
3.	Kolkata	13821	13821
4.	Guwahati	17154	17154
5.	Chandigarh	30684	30684
6.	Kochi	26293	26293
7.	Delhi	50612	50612
8.	Jaipur	18162	18162
9.	Patna	6932	6932
10.	Allahabad	13066	13066
11.	Bhopal	20204	20204
12.	Dehradun	18117	18117
13.	Bhubneswar	3187	3187
14.	Visakhapatnam	5568	5568
15.	Bengaluru	2203	2203

1	2	3	4
16.	Gandhinagar	5043	5043
17.	Raipur	6037	6037
18.	Ranchi	3527	3527
19.	Chennai	1458	1458
20.	Dharamshala	4434	4434
TOTAL		258989	258989

Statement-II

*Status of Regional Centre-wise dispatch of study material admission session
2016-17 (Block-II) of Sec. & Sr. Sec. courses*

Sl. No.	Region	Total admission data received of Sec. & Sr. Sec. Course	Total despatched
1	2	3	4
1.	Hyderabad	1316	1316
2.	Pune	2092	2092
3.	Kolkata	6231	6231
4.	Guwahati	10064	10064
5.	Chandigarh	13292	13292
6.	Kochi	9529	9529
7.	Delhi	17602	17602
8.	Jaipur	12250	12250
9.	Patna	3903	3903
10.	Allahabad	4567	4567
11.	Bhopal	11111	11111
12.	Dehradun	7151	7151
13.	Bhubneswar	3023	3023
14.	Visakhapatnam	2533	2533

1	2	3	4
15.	Bengluru	1013	1013
16.	Gandhinagar	3629	3629
17.	Raipur	2970	2970
18.	Ranchi	2548	2548
19.	Chennai	899	899
20.	Dharamshala	2720	2720
TOTAL		118443	118443

SC/ST members in UGC

1359. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of members in the University Grants Commission (UGC); and

(b) the number of SC/ST members therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) Section 5(1) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 provides that Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and ten other members as appointed by the Central Government. The members of the UGC are appointed by the Central Government as per the provisions contained in Section 5(3)(a)(b)(c) and Section 6(1) of UGC Act, 1956. At present, there are eight members in the UGC. List of members of the UGC is available at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/page/Commission-Members.aspx>. The UGC Act, 1956 does not prescribe social category-wise appointment of members.

Delayed construction activity under RMSA

1360. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to cost difference in civil works a number of construction activities for school building are non-starter in many States including Tamil Nadu under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);