

(c) whether Government is considering to prepare district-wise learning and analytical reports reflecting disaggregated learning levels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Achievement Survey (NAS) which was the largest ever assessment survey in the country was conducted on 13th November, 2017. The learning levels of around 22 lakh students of Classes III, V and VIII from 1.10 lakh schools across 700 districts in all 36 States and UTs were assessed. Students of Classes III and V were assessed on Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and Environmental Studies and Class VIII students were assessed on Language, Maths, Science and Social Science. This competency based assessment was based on the Learning Outcomes developed by the NCERT. Along with the test items, questionnaires pertaining to students, teachers and schools were also used.

(c) and (d) A web based application has been developed for generating the district wise learning report cards to reflect the disaggregated and detailed learning levels.

Admission of female students in IITs

720. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed all Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to admit more female students and also ensure that every campus has at least 14 per cent girls in each new batch starting from 2018;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the 23 campuses would have to abide by this directive including the Indian School of Mines;

(c) whether Government's directive is part of a larger plan to lower gender bias in IITs by increasing female representation to 20 per cent by 2026; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) With a view to improve female enrolment in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), the Government has decided to increase female enrolment in the B.Tech. programmes of IITs from the current 8% to 14% in 2018-19, 17% in 2019-20 and 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats. Necessary instructions in this regard have been issued to all the IITs for compliance.