

New Urban Policy

1810. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is in the process of framing a new urban policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the timeline for framing of such a policy and whether a Committee has been constituted for the purpose and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) A Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Sameer Sharma, the then Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to draft a 'National Urban Policy'. The Committee has yet to submit its Report.

Academic atmosphere at Manipur University

1811. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the complete halt of academic atmosphere at Manipur University;

(b) what is the course of action the Ministry contemplates in the seriously disturbed institute for a long time;

(c) whether even 32 HoDs of different departments of the University have tendered resignation in support of the demand for removal of present Vice Chancellor, if so, the reaction of the Ministry in that regard;

(d) whether students, teachers and staff are accusing the VC of financial and administrative irregularities; and

(e) how the Ministry plans to deal with the volatile situation of the University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (e) Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) is on strike for their demands. Manipur University has intimated that neither the office of the Vice Chancellor nor the office of the Registrar has received any letter of resignation from the 32 HoDs of different departments of the Manipur University.