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Ghost teachers in higher educational institutions

1840. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether 80,000 ghost teachers in higher education institutions have been detected;

(b)   if so, the details thereof, institution-wise;

(c)   whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d)   if so, the details along with the outcome thereof; and

(e)   if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (e) This Ministry has, for the first time, collected details of individual teachers of institution; of Higher Education, through the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17, for the Gurujan Portal. Data in respect of a total of 12.68 lakh teachers, with Aadhaar Number has been collected in AISHE 2016-17. As per Gurujan Portal *(gurujan.gov.in)*, 85708 Aadhaar numbers are found to be either duplicate or invalid. All the names corresponding to 85708 Aadhar Numbers have been shared with both AICTE and UGC- the regulators, for taking up with the respective institutions and to verify the reasons for incorrect entries.

Implementation of policy on school consolidation

1841. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government is considering to implement a policy on school consolidation across the country, if so, the details thereof; and