210	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
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3.	2011-12		
4.	2012-13		
5.	2013-14		
6.	2014-15	₹ 34,32,00,000/-	₹ 34,32,00,000/-
7.	2015-16	₹ 44,56,44,660/-	₹ 17,25,00,000/-
8.	2016-17	_	₹ 15,60,00,000/-
9.	2017-18	₹ 18,72,00,000/-	₹ 24,96,00,000/-
	Total	₹ 3,10,30,64,448/-	₹ 2,82,91,54,299/-

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India received proposals from the State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for release of funds. However, at the time of release of 2nd instalment of funds for the year 2017-18, it was observed that adequate unspent balance was available with State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Hence, no release was made.
- (e) Saakshar Bharat Scheme was approved up to 31st March, 2018 and Government of India took appropriate steps during its tenure for its implementation without any problems.

## Gurukul Board of Education

2649. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to confer certifications on Vedic sciences equivalent to CBSE/School Board level as a precursor to setting up a Gurukul Board of Education to regulate the functioning of schools on oral vedic tradition, like Madrasas for Muslims;
- (b) whether Government has approved setting up a model school Sandipani Veda Shastra Vidyalaya leading to conferment of Ved Bhushan and Ved Vibhushan certificates to students at the Xth/XIIth grade levels; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) Presently, there is no proposal under consideration either on certification on Vedic Sciences or setting up a Gurukul Board

of Education. However, the Government is examining the proposal of recognition of the courses run by the Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratisthan, Ujjain in consultation with concerned organizations including CBSE.

(b) and (c) The proposal of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratisthan, Ujjain has been approved in principle for starting a model "Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya" leading to the conferment of Veda Bhushan and Veda Vibhushan certificates.

## NET not compulsory for teaching in University

†2650. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to do away with the requirement of passing the NET exam for teaching in Universities;
  - (b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard, so far; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, in the Gazette of India on 18.07.2018. As per these regulations, the National Eligibility Test (NET) or an accredited test (State Level Eligibility Test SLET/SET) shall remain the minimum eligibility for appointment of Assistant Professor and equivalent positions wherever provided in these Regulations. The Regulation also provides that the candidates who have been awarded a Ph.D. Degree in accordance with UGC Regulations shall be exempted from the requirement of the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or any equivalent position in any University, College or Institution subject to the conditions laid down in the UGC Regulations.

However, the regulation also provides that Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in Universities with effect from 01.07.2021. Further, a person with Ph.D degree from a foreign university/institution with a ranking among top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following: (i) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) (ii) the Times Higher Education (THE) or (iii) the Academic Ranking of World Universities

<sup>†</sup> Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.