

Boosting higher education

747. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India would tie up with USA, UK and other countries to boost the higher education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the joint research programmes aims to provide an opportunity to teachers to pursue academic/research activities and help in establishment of inter-university centres with the state-of-the-art facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYAPAL SINGH): (a) to (d) The Government of India has signed Educational Exchange Programmes (EEPs)/Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/Joint Declaration of intent (JDIs)/Joint Statements with a number of countries/ group of countries including USA, UK, Israel, Germany, Australia, Norway, New Zealand, Hungary etc. for academic collaboration to boost higher education. However, the future collaborations with any country depend on various factors *viz.* International Scenario, mutuality, reciprocity and response of the foreign country.

University Grants Commission (UGC) has been implementing a number of Joint Research Programmes and fellowship/ scholarship programmes to facilitate Indian scholars and students to realize their research potential and to have exposure in international collaborative research. The following are the prominent collaborative programmes:—

- (i) Joint Research Programme under Indo- US 21st century knowledge initiative
- (ii) Indo- German Partnerships in Higher Education
- (iii) UGC-United Kingdom-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI)Thematic Partnerships
- (iv) Indo- Norwegian Cooperation Programme
- (v) Indo- Israel Joint Research Programme
- (vi) Indo- New Zealand Joint Research Programme
- (vii) Stipendium Hungaricum Programme with Hungary

- (viii) Project based Personal Exchange Programme with Germany
- (ix) Exchange of Scientist Programme with Germany

Joint Research Projects are undertaken in areas which are of mutual interest. The Collaborative Programmes are implemented with the aim to provide excellent opportunity to young Indian researchers and teachers of all disciplines to have international collaborative research training in advance techniques and technologies in emerging fields, thereby furthering their research capacity and ability to contribute to higher education.

Women's universities and colleges

748. DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up women's universities and residential degree colleges in every State and district including that of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such universities and degree colleges would be set up with the Central funding;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government is proposing to provide free education to women in the country from primary to post-graduate level and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (f) In order to encourage girl education, the Sub-Committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on Girls Education has recommended in its interim recommendations for establishing an exclusive university for women in each State and setting up of women residential degree colleges in every district of the country including the State of Maharashtra. It has also recommended for providing free education to girls upto post graduate level. The final report has not been finalized.

Withdrawal of recognition by NCTE

749. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: