

predominantly from the rural areas without regard to their families socio-economic status. All the JNVs in Rajasthan State are providing good quality education with adequate infrastructure with well equipped computer laboratories.

**Children not Covered under MDMS**

1484. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 3 crore children are still being not covered under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to resolve this; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools, popularly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, is an on-going Centrally-Sponsored Scheme which covers all school children studying in Classes I-VIII of Government, Government-Aided schools, Special Training Centres including Madarsas and Maqtabas supported under SSA. The MDM Guidelines provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served mid-day meal on all school days.

**Setting up of Research Parks in IITs**

1485. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is releasing funds to IITs to set up Research Parks with a view to encourage research activities in the IITs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds being released to each IIT under this scheme; and
- (d) the number of IITs which have already set up such research parks in their campus and the IITs which are on the way to set up such parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) Government has approved setting up of 9 Research Parks one each at IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Bombay, IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Kanpur, IIT Hyderabad, and IISc