

Launching of innovation cell in AICTE

2469. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched an innovation cell at the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) through video conference;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this would help promote innovation in all higher educational institutions across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) An Innovation Cell has been established by Ministry of Human Resource Development in the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to foster innovation culture among all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) only. More than one thousand colleges have started Innovation Club in their campuses. It will undertake / initiate various innovation related activities such as establishing Institutions' Innovation Councils (IICs) in HEIs, ranking HEIs on innovation parameters such as Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) rankings, Hackathons {Smart India Hackathon(SIH)}, International Hackathons, Grand/ Mini Challenges) and other such initiatives. ARIIA will rank Educational Institutions and Universities primarily on innovation related indicators. SIH is a Unique Open Innovation Model for promoting innovation, out-of-the-box thinking in young minds especially engineering students. SIH held in 2017 and 2018 have proved to be extremely successful.

Increase in budget for education

2470. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that since 2014, budget for education has been increased by about 70 per cent from ₹63,000 crore in 2014 to ₹ 1,10,000 crore in 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to allow schools to avail the financial assistance from their alumni; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) The total Budget Estimates for education (Department of Higher Education and Department of School Education and Literacy) for financial year 2014-15 and 2018-19 is as under:

Education Budget

| | | | ₹ in crore |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Year | D/o Higher Education | D/o School Education & Literacy | Total |
| 2014-15 | 27656.00 | 55115.10 | 82771.10 |
| 2018-19 | 35010.29 | 50000.00 | 85010.29 |

Besides, Budgetary Support for Infrastructure projects of Higher Education Institutions worth ₹13099.73 crore have been sanctioned through Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) during 2018-19 (till date) and more are in the pipeline. Thus, funds available for Human Resource Development (HRD) are ₹ 98110.02 crore with more in the pipeline. Final figure will be available on 31st March, 2019. Thus, there is very substantial increase in funding of HRD.

(c) and (d) World-over alumni help their *Alma Mater* and such initiatives are promoted by the respective Institutions.

Allocation of funds for institutions in Andhra Pradesh

2471. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ₹2,900 crore had been allocated during 2017-18 for institutions set up in Andhra Pradesh under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(b) if so, the allocations made during 2018-19 and the details of expenditure incurred so far, institution-wise;

(c) the details of total money required for each of the institution and money sanctioned this year and earlier years, year-wise and institution-wise; and

(d) by when all the institutions would be moved to permanent campuses and the status of setting up of Central University and Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) So far as Ministry of Human Resource Development is concerned, an amount of ₹250 crore (B.E.) has been allocated in the year 2017-18 for higher educational institutes being established under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.