

- (viii) AICTE Scheme for constructing hostel for SC/ST.
- (ix) Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top class education for ST Students.
- (x) Prerana-Scheme for preparing SC/ST students for Higher Education.

Changes in CBSE curricula

1214. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of changes made in CBSE curricula and textbooks during the years 2014 to 2018, especially in the subjects of History, Political Science and Economics;
- (b) whether changes made were debated and approved by the Textbook Development Committees;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that classes IX-X and XI-XII are two years integrated curriculum. There is no change in the curriculum in History, Political Science and Economics for these classes. CBSE has discontinued the publication of textbooks and it recommends the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks for History, Political Science and Economics. NCERT has informed that they have not made any major changes in its syllabi and textbooks. However, textbooks are reviewed and updated on time to time basis. The updation of textual material developed by NCERT is continuous process. In the year 2017-18, NCERT has reviewed its all textbooks, including History, Political Science and Economics. The review broadly pertained to rectification of factual errors, if any, and updation of data.

National fellowships for OBC students

1215. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) when the National fellowships for OBC students was launched;
- (b) in what manner the Ministry justifies giving just 300 Junior Research Fellowships and 600 Senior Research Fellowships per year when OBCs constitute more than 50 per cent of the total population;

(c) whether there have been demands to increase the above fellowships to a more acceptable level; and

(d) if so, the details of constraints the Ministry is facing in increasing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched the 'National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in 2014-15, with the objective to provide fellowships to the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to pursue M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees in Science, Humanities, Social Sciences and Engineering and Technology. Under the scheme, 300 Junior Research Fellowships and 600 Senior Research Fellowships per year was being provided.

Based on the demand, the number of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) slots have been enhanced from 300 to 1000 from the academic year 2018-19.

Admission on fake certificates in Delhi University

1216. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many students have joined Delhi University by submitting fake certificates;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government would take steps to curb this menace; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (e) University of Delhi has reported that the admissions in Undergraduate courses are done in the colleges of the university while the admissions to Postgraduate courses are done in the respective department/faculty of the university. As per the guidelines notified in the Bulletin of Information issued for admission in undergraduate and postgraduate courses, the onus of verifying the certificate/marksheets based on which admission is sought lies with the colleges/departments/faculties. For the admissions made for the Academic Session 2018-19, the University has received complaint against a candidate getting admission in a postgraduate course based on fake marksheet. The University after getting verification of the issuing University has cancelled the admission of the