

(c) whether CBSE has prepared a comprehensive policy for addressing challenges faced by such students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that they have already issued instructions to their affiliated schools in the matter listing out the exemptions/ concessions to be extended to persons with Benchmark Disabilities as per "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities(RPWD) Act, 2016".

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. CBSE have issued guidelines/instructions for exemptions/ concessions to be extended to the differently abled candidates *vide* their Circular No. CBSE/COORD/112233/2018 dated 26.9.2018, Corrigendum No. CBSE/COORD/2018/112233 dated 26.11.2018 and Notification No. CBSE/Coord./DS/2018 dated 05.11.2018. These Circulars/Notification can be accessed on the CBSE website (<http://cbse.nic.in>)

#### **Teachers compelled to do non-teaching works**

1682. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya are being compelled to do non-teaching works due to which teaching is hampered and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of data entry operators engaged in various such Vidyalayas for doing non-teaching works region-wise and if not engaged, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has issued any circular for teachers to download certain mobile applications on their personal phones for updating data, etc. and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether KVS is contemplating teachers for use of smart phones/tablets and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Teachers are not compelled to do various non-teaching works in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs).

(b) Region-wise details of data entry operators engaged in KVs for doing non-teaching work are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has issued a circular for the information of all the Principals, Teachers and students for making use of the Kaizala application for effective communication. Kaizala is a messaging application which enables seamless information flow within the KVS organization and allows efficient communication and information gathering. With the help of this application, KVS teachers and administrative staff will be able to connect with parents and *vice-versa*, facilitating sharing of regular updates on progress made by the students, know about the various initiatives undertaken by KVS and give them a platform to share their concerns.

(d) To empower the students with modern technology, KVS has launched a pilot project E-Prajna under which touch tablets pre-loaded with e-content have been provided to class VIII students and teachers of 25 KVs (one in each region) during the year 2017-18 for class room transactions in Science and Mathematics. Presently, these students are studying in class IX and the content of these subjects has been upgraded.

**Statement**

*Region-wise details of data entry operators engaged in Kendriya Vidyalayas for doing non-teaching work*

| Sl. No. | Region      | Number of data entry operators engaged in Kendriya Vidyalayas |
|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | 2           | 3                                                             |
| 1.      | Agra        | 2                                                             |
| 2.      | Ahmedabad   | 4                                                             |
| 3.      | Bangalore   | 54                                                            |
| 4.      | Bhubaneswar | 3                                                             |
| 5.      | Bhopal      | 5                                                             |
| 6.      | Chandigarh  | 5                                                             |
| 7.      | Chennai     | 39                                                            |
| 8.      | Dehradun    | 12                                                            |
| 9.      | Delhi       | 3                                                             |
| 10.     | Ernakulam   | 35                                                            |
| 11.     | Gurgaon     | 0                                                             |
| 12.     | Guwahati    | 0                                                             |
| 13.     | Hyderabad   | 28                                                            |

| 1     | 2        | 3   |
|-------|----------|-----|
| 14.   | Jabalpur | 1   |
| 15.   | Jaipur   | 0   |
| 16.   | Jammu    | 0   |
| 17.   | Kolkata  | 0   |
| 18.   | Lucknow  | 0   |
| 19.   | Mumbai   | 41  |
| 20.   | Patna    | 3   |
| 21.   | Raipur   | 3   |
| 22.   | Ranchi   | 0   |
| 23.   | Silchar  | 3   |
| 24.   | Tinsukia | 4   |
| 25.   | Varanasi | 0   |
| TOTAL |          | 245 |

**Concession to Indian students for higher education**

†1683. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which are providing concessions to the Indian students for higher education;

(b) the details of concessions given by each such country;

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the number of students who got concessions during each of last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) Some countries offer concessions in the form of scholarships/fellowships etc. to international students including Indian students. The matter of offering such scholarships depends on individual decision of the concerned government (or) the Institute or the concerned organization. Indian Government has no direct role in determining the number of scholarships/fellowships provided by a country except that what has been mutually agreed under an instrument signed bilaterally or multilaterally. The details in respect of scholarships provided by the foreign governments under Cultural/Educational

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.