

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Misappropriation of funds by IISc.

*145. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge misappropriation of funds by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) Bengaluru in various construction works in its premises like construction of ladies hostel, drainage, underground electrical cables, road, etc. has come to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the cost escalation and whether Government has taken any action against the Institute and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) There is no case of misappropriation reported in any of the construction works being carried out in Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. All projects mentioned in the question are under execution. Tenders have been concluded through e-tendering process in a transparent and competitive manner.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pupil-Teacher Ratio in schools

*146. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Government and private/aided schools still do not meet the pupil-teacher ratio as per the norms prescribed under the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act); and

(b) if so, the details of such schools, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) The RTE Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for both primary and upper primary schools. At primary level, the PTR norm is 30:1 and at the upper primary level it is 35:1. As per the Unified District Information System For Education (UDISE) 2016-17, the PTR at national level for