

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is a continuous process. Proposals for opening of new KVs are considered only if sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India / State Governments / Union Territories Administrations thereby committing resources for setting up a new KV as well as the availability of necessary sanction of the Government. The proposals received from various sponsoring authorities for opening of new KVs also have to compete among other proposals under the "Challenge Method". As on date, there are 1206 KVs functioning in the country including 45 in the State of Gujarat.

The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme provides for opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country. Opening of new JNVs is a continuous process which depends on the willingness of the concerned State Government to make available requisite suitable land free of cost for construction of school buildings and the required temporary accommodation (free of rent) to start the Vidyalaya. However, actual sanction and opening of the JNV depends on the availability of funds and approval by the Competent Authority.

50 new KVs were sanctioned by the Government of India in March, 2019. One JNV each has been sanctioned in all the districts of the country as on 31st May 2014, excluding Tamil Nadu which has not yet accepted the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme. All the districts of Gujarat have been covered under Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme.

#### **State Policy Reform Fund**

2126. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether FICCI has recommended an increase in fund allocation in several aspects of education in the current year, including creation of a ₹1,000 crore State Policy Reform Fund to incentivise States for better implementation of measures such as merit-based teacher recruitment and promotions in schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) A Pre-Budget Memorandum 2019-20, downloaded from Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)'s (a Non-governmental trade association) website, mentions about creation of a ₹1000 crore 'State Policy Reform Fund' to incentivize States that implement measures such as merit-

based headmaster selection, transparent process for teacher recruitment, allotment and transfers and merit-based teacher promotions. The said Memorandum was not shared with Ministry of Human Resource Development.

### **National Teacher Training Institutes**

†2127. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to establish National Teacher Training Institutes across the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government also proposes to establish such an institute in Gujarat; and
- (c) if so, at which places and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The location to set up such institute has not been decided yet.

### **Smart schools in Uttar Pradesh**

2128. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and number of schools upgraded as smart schools under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of upgradation works carried out in primary and upper primary schools in the villages, so far; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the quality of education in such schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) interventions have been approved for 437 secondary and senior secondary schools under Sansad Adarsh Grams till 2018-19 in the country including Uttar Pradesh. The State/UT-wise list is given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.