## **Private universities**

2129. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of recognised/private universities in the country, at present;
- (b) whether a number of proposals to open more private universities in the country are pending and if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) the details of criteria to open new private university?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) At present, 337 recognised Private Universities are functioning in the country.

- (b) No, Sir, Private Universities are established by the Act of the State Legislatures concerned. University Grants Commission (UGC) includes the name of Private University in its list after receipt of the State Act.
- (c) The criteria for establishment of a new Private University are decided by the respective State Government. Moreover, a Private University is required to fulfil the minimum criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructure facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned Statutory Bodies such as All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Bar Council of India (BCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), Indian Nursing Council (INC), Medical Council of India (MCI), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), etc.

## Status of IIM, Amritsar

2130. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Amritsar whose foundation stone was laid in June, 2016;
  - (b) whether the project is running on time;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
  - (d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (d) The Indian Institute of Management Amritsar was set up during 2015-16 and is presently functioning from its temporary campus. The institute has been provided 60 acres of land in Village Manawala, District-Amritsar for establishment of its permanent campus whose foundation stone was laid on 19th June, 2016. The scheduled date for completion of construction of permanent campus is June. 2021 as per the scheduled timeline approved by the Cabinet.

## Reservation for SC/ST students in universities

- 2131. DR. L HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the percentage of SC/ST students that are studying in higher education in the country, State/UT-wise; and