Further, a four year B.Ed integrated course to bring about qualitative improvement in teacher education programmes in India has been conceptualised and regulations for this course has been published in official gazette on 22nd November, 2018. The model curriculum prepared for this course includes crucial aspects like Gender, Inclusive education, ICT, Yoga, Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and Health and Sanitation. The teaching specialization would primarily be for the primary levels and the secondary level. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) have developed a dedicated digital infrastructure for teachers, DIKSHA, with the aim to empower school teachers of the country with access to innovative tech-based solutions. DIKSHA is a unique initiative that leverages existing, highly scalable and flexible digital infrastructures, around the needs of teachers for effective teaching and administration.

New scholarship scheme for higher education

2916. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce any new scholarship scheme to promote higher education;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission has sent any proposal to the Ministry in this regard;

(c) the details of students likely to be benefited under the said scheme, category-wise; and

(d) by when the Central Government is likely to take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has no proposal under consideration to launch any new scholarship scheme to promote higher education.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Ph.D. course at IIMs

2917. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not accepted the two-year Ph.D. course in IIMs;