

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Over the last six decades the size, scale and complexities of India's Higher Education Sector have increased manifold and it is now considered to be one of the largest Higher Education Systems in the world. With the increase in number of Higher Educational Institutions, expert committees have recommended that the regulator should focus on promotion of quality teaching and research and usher in measures to bring the much needed reforms in the higher education sector. Reforming the regulatory structure to facilitate holistic growth of higher education sector requires structural and transformative changes. Therefore, the Ministry is considering the Higher Education Commission of India Bill.

(b) In order to ensure that the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) focuses primarily on quality of academic standards, the Commission is envisaged as a body predominantly comprising of distinguished academicians with an independent body for grant disbursal.

(c) Repeal of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 are being considered.

(d) The proposed objectives of the HECI are to promote and maintain the academic standards, encourage the autonomy of good performing Higher Educational Institutions and to promote research, entrepreneurship, innovation. The HECI will provide for comprehensive and holistic growth of higher education and research in a competitive global environment. These measures will aid in taking our institutions to top international rankings.

### **Science and Technology Encyclopedia in Hindi**

709. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a project for preparation of Science and Technology Encyclopedia (Vigyan aur Praudyogiki Vishwakosh) in Hindi was initiated by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT);

(b) if so, the details of expenditure incurred and the names of the officials involved in the project;

(c) the details of current status of the project; and

(d) the roadmap and the time-limit for publication of the encyclopedia?

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

(b) Till date an expenditure of ₹ 8.73 lakh has been incurred on project for preparation of Science and Technology Encyclopedia (Vigyan aur Praudyogiki Vishwakosh) in Hindi. The following Officers are involved in the project: (1) Dr. Harish Kumar, Chairman (Retd.), (2) Dr. Pushpalata Taneja, Chairman (Retd.), (3) Professor K. Bijay Kumar, Chairman (Retd.), (4) Prof. Keshari Lai Verma, Chairman, (5) Prof. Avanish Kumar, Chairman, (6) Late Shri Ram Bahadur, Deputy Director, (7) Sri Satyapal Arora, Deputy Director (Retd.), (8) Dr. Ram Krishan Mishra, Assistant Director, (9) Dr. Dharmendra Kumar, Assistant Director, (10) Dr. Ashok N. Selvatker, Assistant Director, (11) Mr. Deepak Kumar, Assistant Director.

(c) and (d) The project is for preparation of Science and Technology Encyclopedia (Vigyan aur Praudyogiki Vishwakosh) on the subjects of Agriculture and Veterinary, Botany, Zoology, Physics, Chemistry and Information Technology. The work of collection, compiling and finalisation of terms has been completed. The remaining work of composing and type setting is under progress which will take minimum of 6 months for its completion and thereafter it shall be published.

#### **Yoga University in Rajasthan**

†710. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any Yoga University/college in Rajasthan; and
- (b) if not, whether Government has any scheme/proposed to open any college/university in that State to promote yoga?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) There is no exclusive Yoga University/College in Rajasthan. At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

However, to promote the study of Yoga, seventeen Universities and seven Colleges, in the State of Rajasthan, offer programmes in the discipline of Yoga and related subjects.

#### **No Detention Policy**

†711. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details and date of implementation of No Detention

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.