

**Distance education in Hotel Management**

547. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to introduce distance education in Hotel Management and in other courses in digital mode; and

(b) the views of experts and the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) is the regulatory authority to deal with the Open and Distance Learning in Higher education system of the country and accordingly, notified UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017. These regulations, *inter-alia*, under clause (p) of sub-Regulation (2) of Part-I states that

"Professional programmes" means a programme other than programmes in engineering, medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any Statutory Councils or Regulatory Authorities to be conducted by the Higher Educational Institutions under Open and Distance Learning mode or Distance Education mode for the purpose of these regulations, if any, should be considered only if the same are approved by the respective Statutory Councils or Regulatory Authorities"

Further, AICTE based on the recommendations of its Expert Committee constituted on Technical Education through Open and Distance education mode *inter-alia* recommended that only those programmes which do not involve extensive practical course work shall be permissible through the distance education mode. Accordingly, AICTE as per its extant policy has not given recognition to the qualifications acquired through distance mode at Diploma, Bachelors and Masters Level in the field of Hotel Management and other Technical courses.

**Feedback on the draft National Education Policy**

548. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received more than 77,000 letters on draft National Education Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 5 per cent of the feedback received so far has been found to be useful and will be taken into account; and

- (c) if so, the details of the feedback of this 5 per cent respondents?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) The Committee to Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan submitted its report to the Ministry on 31st May, 2019, which was uploaded on the Ministry's website and also at innovate.mygov.in platform has received a large number of suggestions/comments from all stakeholders including Government of India Ministries and State Governments. Around 2 lakh suggestions/feedbacks on the Draft National Education Policy have been received from various stakeholders. Based on all feedback/comments received from various stakeholders on the Draft NEP, the Ministry is in the process of finalizing the National Education Policy, 2020.

**Permanent campus for IISER, Tirupati**

549. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fund Government has approved and released for construction of permanent campus of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati during the last three years;
- (b) the present status of construction of permanent campus of IISER, Tirupati;
- (c) whether the IISER has shifted into new campus; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Government approved an amount of ₹ 686.43 crores for the construction of the permanent campus of IISER Tirupati. As on date, the Ministry has sanctioned a HEFA loan of an amount of ₹ 525 crores as first tranche towards the construction of permanent campus of which ₹ 53.94 crores has been availed of by the Institute.

- (b) The construction of two hostel blocks are expected to be completed and handed over around March, 2020. The Undergraduate laboratory is also at an advanced stage of completion. The Preliminary estimate for the remaining buildings and services have been made by CPWD, for which Administrative approval and Expenditure sanction have been accorded.