

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The setting up of Universities is an ongoing process. As per the 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by the National Development Council, the thrust was on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion was to be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. However, recently two Central Universities have been established in Andhra Pradesh and one Central Tribal University in Telangana is proposed under Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014.

**Launch of Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – DHRUV**

†2947. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – DHRUV, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the main goals and objectives of this scheme and whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – 'DHRUV' to mentor and nurture talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge so that they can realise their full potential and contribute to society. The programme was launched on 10th October, 2019 at ISRO, Bengaluru with active participation of State Governments.

Selection of 30 students of Science group and 30 students of Performing Arts group has been made by an Advisory Committee headed by the Principal Scientific Advisor in consultation with the Department of Science and Technology, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) and Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ministry of Culture.

During the 14 days programme, structured activities were carried out for students of Performing Arts group at National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi and for students of Science group at IIT-Delhi and during evenings, combined activities for both groups

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were organised. The students were mentored and nurtured by renowned mentors from IIT-Delhi, Atal Innovation Mission, NCERT, CCRT etc.

### **Status of drop outs in IIMs and IITs**

†2948. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of the status of drop outs from IITs and IIMs recorded in the country, during last five years;

(b) details of status of drop outs or vacant seats in other Government and private engineering and management institutes, during the last five years;

(c) the details of status of the placements of students having passed out from institutes other than IIMs and IITs; and

(d) whether Government would like to utilise infrastructure of engineering and management institutes for skill development and other productive works, if the seats remain vacant in these institutes, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) The details of students who drop out from IITs and IIMs in the last five years are as under:—

Sl.No.	Institute	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1.	IITs	1626	1265	1538	1366	910
2.	IIMs	61	94	74	80	73

The details of status of vacant seats in other Government and private engineering and management institutes, during the last five years are as under:—

Sl. No.	Institute	Vacant Seats				
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Government/Government Aided Engineering Institutes	21093	26273	26704	31317	38546

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