

Blockchain technology to issue graduation certificates

2936. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has brought out any notification to use blockchain technology to issue graduation certificates by universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has done any pilot projects regarding this technology for institutes like IIT's, etc.; and

(d) if so, the status of the pilot project and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

EQUIP Programme

2937. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised and released a five year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intends to increase the employability in higher education sector through this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (d) The Government has received recommendations of 10 Experts Groups under Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP). The recommendations were circulated to State Governments and other related