

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government upon the said reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Based on District Information System for Education (DISE) data 2005-06 published by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), for elementary education level, there are about 32,000 schools without enrolment, as many listed private schools have not reported their enrolment data, in some cases, there is a duplication of school listings, etc.; there are over 2 lakh schools with enrolment between 1-50 students, as several areas in the country have low population density.

Provision for class-rooms and teachers

†1562. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government had made a provision of funds in the current year's budget for construction of five lakh new class-rooms and appointment of one lakh and fifty thousand new teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the share of State Governments too had been fixed for the said provision;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the States and the amount of funds allocated to them in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, funds and physical targets are sanctioned by the Government of India to each State/Union Territory under an annual work plan and budget. The funding provided for the purpose is as per the Centre State sharing pattern under the SSA. The SSA is committed to construction of five lakh classrooms and appointment of 1.50 lakh teachers in 2007-08.

National Board of Sanskrit School Education

†1563. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has rejected the proposal for setting up of a National Board of Sanskrit School Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the future plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has not supported the proposal of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for setting up of National Board of Sanskrit School Education to regulate curricular

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and teaching methods in traditional Sanskrit 'pathshalas' across the country on the ground that the existing structure, including the conducting of public examinations by the CBSE, is adequate to take care of Sanskrit studies. The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan has been informed of these news.

Selection of IIM directors

1564. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

- (a) what has been the procedure for selection of directors of the IIMs;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been a diversion from the established procedure of selection;
- (c) if so, the role of his Ministry in the changed procedure;
- (d) the rationale for such a change and whether it was made in consultation with the governing bodies of the IIMs; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure the autonomy in the selection of directors of such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Director of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) is appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on the basis of recommendation of a Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted for this purpose. There has been no change in the established procedure of selection of the Director. The Chairman of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the concerned Indian Institute of Management is invariably a member of Search-cum-election Committee.

Quality of education in State-run institutions

1565. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission, in its recent report has expressed anxiety about the plummeting standards and quality of education in the State-run educational institutions;
- (b) whether the Commission has also expressed its concerns about the institutions of higher learning which are fast losing patronage resulting in the closure of large number of them; and
- (c) if so, the steps being contemplated by Government to improve the standards and quality of education in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The issues of quality and standard of education is addressed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) through its various schemes of Development Assistance to eligible Colleges