

German Offer for free education

2130. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany has offered free education in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the educational areas offered by Germany; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir, however, in accordance with the decisions taken by the Permanent Cultural Committee of the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany at its 10th Meeting held on 15—17 December 1997, the Federal Republic of Germany has offered a limited number of fully funded scholarships / fellowships for post-graduate studies and research work at its universities / institutions.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unrecognised BIT, MIT courses of Deemed Universities

2131. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Deemed Universities, particularly MAHE are running BIT, MIT unrecognised courses and are adopting malpractices by way of taking fee drafts from students in the name of Manipal Academy of IT Education in the Third Semester instead of in the name of MAHE, as was done in the 1st and 2nd Semesters; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Cases of two deemed universities, namely, Thapar Institute of engineering and Technology, Patiala running MIT & E-Commerce and MAHE running BIT & MIT have come to the notice of AICTE. The AICTE has written to these institutions that the nomenclature BIT & MIT has not been notified by UGC. UGC has sent a letter to all the Universities stating that degrees which have not