

(b) if so, the total number of these institutions; and

(c) the number of these institutions in Government and Non-Government Sectors separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education), they have accorded approval for establishment of 1765 technical institutions during the last five years, of which 136 institutions are in Government sector (including University Department and Government Aided Institutions) and the remaining 1629 institutions are in Non-Government sector.

Oriya medium schools in Orissa-West Bengal borders

1167. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oriya dominated villages on the Orissa-West Bengal borders falling in West Bengal do not have Oriya medium schools and the students are forced to receive education in Bengali medium;

(b) whether as a result the Oriya language in these villages is on the verge of extinction and it is a cause of discontentment among the Oriya speaking people; and

(c) if so, whether Government would prevail upon West Bengal Government to make arrangement for Oriya medium schools in these villages to redress the grievances of Oriya population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Untrained teachers for elementary education

1168. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to employ totally

untrained teachers for elementary education in the proposed alternative schools;

(b) if so, what is the justification thereof;

(c) whether this proposal is not against the constitutional right for equal education for all; and

(d) what steps are being taken for providing teachers training to unemployed youth of the country on large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) Government of India is committed to Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE) through its national programme viz. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). The SSA has a component of alternative schooling under the Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education to cater to those children who cannot attend formal schools which include out of school children, dropouts and children in remote habitations. The instruction in these centers is provided by Education Volunteers appointed by the local community. There is a provision of 30 days and 40 days of training at primary and upper primary level, respectively, for these Education/Volunteers.

(d) The District Institutes of Educational Training (DIETs), Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs) and Institutes of Advanced Studies in Education (IASes), set up under the centrally sponsored Teacher Education Scheme, provide for teacher training facilities across the country.

Performance of Central Universities

1169. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the performance and functioning of Central universities;

(b) if so, the details of the assessments made in respect of each of the Central Universities especially their achievements; and

(c) the problems faced by them?