

consideration their academic reputation, attainments of the faculty, physical facilities, institutional management, financial resources, responsiveness of the administrative structure and involvement of faculty etc. 133 colleges spread over 30 universities in nine States have so far been given the status of autonomous colleges under the scheme.

Standard of education in Government schools

† 1930. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that standard of education has fallen in Government schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the schemes Government are formulating to improve this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) "Education" is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and management and academic arrangements in Government schools are primarily the concern of State Governments/ Union Territories. The Central Government has been emphasizing the need to constantly improve the quality of education. The 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' have also been launched to provide quality elementary education to all children in 6-14 age group by 2010. The scheme of 'Restructuring and Reorganisation of Teacher Education' is being implemented to create a viable institutional infrastructure, academic and technical resource base for orientation, training and continuous upgradation of knowledge, competence and pedagogical skills of school teachers in the country. A number of Centrally sponsored schemes like 'Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools', 'Improvement of Science Education in Schools', 'Environmental Orientation to School Education' etc. are being implemented for improving the quality of education.

Education for All Summit

1931. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.