

Norms and Standards including availability of infrastructure facilities. Fees to be charged by the Technical Institutions are being decided by the State Level Committees and Institutions cannot charge any additional amount as donation outside the fee structure.

Kothari Commission

†3228. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kothari Commission has laid stress on the uniform education system of 10+2+3; and

(b) if so, Governments viewpoint in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 10+2+3 structure has been accepted in all parts of the country.

Estimates of girls drop out rate

3229. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's estimates of girls drop out rate have been reported to be lower than the actual figures; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) The drop out rates of boys and girls are estimated in the Ministry of Human Resource Development on the basis of actual class-wise enrolment data supplied by State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

(b) Does not arise.

Human Development Index

3230. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI :

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA :

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that in the human development index published under the aegis of the UNDP in 2003, based on the date for the year 2001, India's ranking has been down graded substantially;

(b) if so, the details of the rankings published in 2003;

(c) what are the main factors which this declaration of India's ranking has been attributed to;

(d) its impact on the flow of assistance under UNDP to India during the following year; and

(e) the steps contemplated, if any, to achieve improved position of the country in human development in a time-bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) India had a rank of 124 in Human Development Report (HDR) for 2002. It came down 3 places to rank at 127 on Human Development Index (HDI) among 175 countries and territories ranked by the UNDP's HDR for 2003. The ranks of India's South Asian neighbours on the HDI are Bangladesh-139, Bhutan-136, Maldives-86, Nepal-143, Pakistan-144 and Sri Lanka-99.

The decline in India's ranking is due to inclusion of two new countries in the ranking of this year's report and an increase in the value of HDI for Botswana *vis-a-vis* India. The two new countries are Bosnia and Herazegovina and Occupied Palestinian Territories which have better ranking than India at 66 and 98 respectively. While the value of India's health indicator is better than Botswana, the values of education and GDP indices have been stated to be better in case of Botswana as compared to India.

The strategy to achieve higher levels of human development at the national level and at the State level and to reduce inter regional disparities in levels of attainment has been suitably incorporated in the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Registration of engineers

3231. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :