

**Central University Near Tezpur,  
Assam**

4852. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 415 on 14 August, 1986 regarding Central University in Assam and state :

(a) whether a place near Tezpur has been selected for location of the proposed Central University in Assam ;

(b) if so, whether Government have rejected the public demand for setting up a Central University in Barak Valley—predominantly inhabited by the linguistic minorities ; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :** (a) No, Sir. No decision has yet been taken about the location of the proposed Central University in Assam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Overseas Scholarships to Indian  
Students**

4853. SHRI I. RAMA RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the countries which have offered scholarships for overseas studies to Indian students under cultural exchange programmes ;

(b) the criteria for selecting candidates for these scholarships ;

(c) whether there is any arrangement for selecting such candidates State-wise under the scheme ; and

(d) the number of candidates who have been selected from Kerala during 1985-86 ?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :** (a) The countries which have so far offered scholarships during 1986-87 include Japan, Arab Republic of Egypt, Mexico, Turkey, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Bulgaria, German Democratic Republic, Poland, Yugoslavia, Mongolia, Greece, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Netherland, Norway, Portugal and Italy.

(b) The offer of scholarships made available under the Cultural Exchange Programme is given wide publicity through the Directorate of Audio and Visual Publicity and the ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The circular information of the availability of scholarships is also sent to various Ministries, State Governments, universities and other institutions, etc.

Committees of Experts drawn from universities and institutions of higher learning and advanced research are constituted to select the most meritorious scholars. The criteria of age, educational qualifications, experience, specific research programme proposed to be undertaken etc. are prescribed.

(c) The selection is made on an all India basis and no state quotas are fixed.

(d) In 1985-86 ten candidates were selected from Kerala.

**[Translation]**

**U.G.C. Recognition to Colleges  
Affiliation to Kumaon University**

4854. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the colleges affiliated to the Kumaon University in Uttar Pradesh which have applied to the University Grants Commission for grant of permanent recognition ;