

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c). The Government is committed to continue its effort towards a higher allocation of funds for education. Private initiative in education may supplement the endeavours of the Government.

Taking note of the need to have an enabling legislation for establishment of self financing universities in suitable cases, the Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill 1995 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 25.08.1995. The Bill lays down a broadly uniform set of guidelines for ensuring academic standards, prevention of commercialisation and mismanagement, etc.

Further, all Technical Institutions are to conform to the standards prescribed by the All India Council of Technical Education.

Education in Mother Tongue

2407. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI :

SHRI RABI RAY :

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

(a) whether the Government have prepared any guidelines for introducing mother tongue as the medium of instruction in primary schools;

(b) if so, whether the State government have issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI) : (a) to (c) The Policy of the government, in regard to medium of instruction at the primary stage is set out in Article 350 A of the Constitution and the National Policy on Education, 1986.

The National Policy on Education was developed in association with State Governments and after due consideration, by Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) and National Development Council.

Scientific Support to Physical Education

2408. SHRI SHIBU SOREN :

SHRI SHAILENDRA MAHTO :

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a lack of adequate scientific support to the Physical Education and Sports in India;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that even at the Master's Degree Level, students are not given training to handle scientific equipments required to measure sports skills and physical fitness of the players;

(c) whether the Physical Education Teachers and the Coaches are not fully trained in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the government to improve the standard and skill of the physical education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) to (d) The Govt. is aware that there is a need to further improve scientific support to physical education in India for which sports sciences namely sports psychology, exercise physiology, biomechanics, sports medicine and other subjects such as measurement, evaluation and research methodology have been introduced as part of curricula in the Physical Education in the country. The proposed All India Council for Physical Education will regulate the growth and standard of Physical Education Institutions in the country. These steps will improve the standards of Physical Education teachers & coaches in the future.

Sponsorship of Indian Students for Higher Education

2409. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleaseJ to state :

(a) the number of students sponsored for higher education from our country to different countries during the year 1994-95 and 1995-96 alongwith the sponsorship programme; and

(b) the number of students from other countries sponsored to our countries under the said schemes ?