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8. Post-Literacy and Follow-up :		This is the second stage of Adult Education Programme which ensures that the neo-literates do not lapse into illiteracy.
9. Scholarship for Talented Children from Rural Areas :		Under this scheme scholarships are provided to students from Classes VIII to XII to provide a fillip to potential talents from rural areas. 3 scholarships are reserved for Scheduled Tribes in every Tribal Development Block.
10. National Scholarship :		The objective of the scheme is to meet educational expenses of outstanding students to enable them to pursue Higher Education. This is a post-matric scholarship scheme. The average annual cost of scholarship is Rs. 1250 per scholar. About 25,000 scholarships are awarded every year.
11. Promotion of Sanskrit Education :		Grants to State Governments and financial assistance to voluntary organisations are given for promotion of Sanskrit Education.
12. Creation of Infrastructure in Areas of Emerging Technology :		Under this scheme areas of new emerging technologies vital to country's development are identified.
13. Areas of Weakness :		In this scheme the gaps which have already been identified in the growth of Technical Education are attended to.
14. Modernisation of Engineering Laboratories :		Under this scheme assistance is given for modernising the laboratories with relevant and versatile equipments which have better instructional potential.

Establishment of a National Institute of Ayurveda at Trivandrum

2717. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for the establishment of a National Institute of Ayurveda at Trivandrum ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for establishing a Postgraduate Centre of Ayurvedic Studies at Trivandrum is under process in consultation with the State Government.