

Admission policy of J.N.U.

3558. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the removal of the facility of provisional admission to the courses of Jawaharlal Nehru University is creating difficulties for students in various parts of the country ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take adequate measures to remove this flaw in the admissions to Jawaharlal Nehru University ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No, Sir. In terms of the admission policy such of the candidates who meet the eligibility requirements as well as those who are due to appear in the respective qualifying examinations are eligible to take the entrance examination provided they fulfil the requirement of requisite marks/grade point average either in the qualifying examination or in the previous public examination passed by them.

The students admitted to the courses are now required to submit the result of the qualifying examination by the prescribed date.

(b) Does not arise.

Help to States for setting up Central libraries

3559. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government help backward States to set up State/Central libraries ;

(b) if so, the name of the States to whom help has been given, location of libraries set up and the amount so far spent on them ;

(c) whether it is proposed to set up a

Central library in Sikkim, as this State has no big library of its own ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

N.B.T. scheme to subsidise publication of books in regional languages

3560. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Book Trust has any scheme to subsidise the publication of books in regional languages ; and

(b) if so, details of the scheme and the books published during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The N.B.T. have been implementing the Scheme to subsidise University Level Text and Reference books in English since 1970. The scope of the Scheme, which was originally confined to English books, has since been extended to cover books in Hindi language since July 1982 and other regional languages since April 1984. The broad objective of the Scheme is to make available to students, books of acceptable standard at reasonable prices. Manuscripts received under this Scheme are scrutinised and only such manuscripts which are considered as "Excellent" and are recommended by an eminent expert are approved for publication. The books are thereafter published by private publishers and 50% of the approved cost of