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

(a) whether the Government's/AICTE's survey on opportunities for professional education in the country reveals that some of the States are lagging behind in the national average in higher education in terms of seat availability and has written to the States for increased intake, start new branches and courses and provide incentives for opening of new private institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to bring their States at par with national average to remove the regional disparities in terms of educational opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the State governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): As per information provided by the All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE), 18 States have enrolment capacity of less than national average of 68 per lakh population in degree level technical courses and 16 States have enrolment capacity of less than national average of 31 per lakh population in diploma level technical courses.

The States, which are lagging behind the national average in terms of diploma level seats in technical education as approved by AICTE are Bihar, Assam, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Manipur, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir. The States, which are lagging behind the national average in terms of degree level seats in technical education as approved by AICTE are Nagaland, Mizoram, Bihar, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Orissa, and Madhya Pradesh.

The Minister of Human Resource Development in his communication to the Chief Ministers of 12 large States, where intake capacity in technical education institutions is below the national average, has requested them to initiate urgent action and programmes so that they come up on par with the national average. Among the corrective steps suggested are the establishment of new institutions especially in backward areas, expansion of intake in existing institutions, opening of new branches and courses especially in emerging areas, grant of incentives for the establishment of bona-fide non-government institutions of good quality, strengthening of infrastructure and faculty development in existing institutions and improvement and expansion of secondary education.

The exact steps being taken or proposed to be taken by these States to raise their intake on par with the national average have not yet been received by the Central Government from these States.