GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1214 ANSWERED ON:13.07.2009 PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION SECTOR Sule Supriya

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated an action plan on private- public partnership to attract private agencies for collaboration in expanding educational facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to set Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) Polytechnics and model schools in private-public partnership mode;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the recent meeting with representatives of the private sector had expressed concern over the Private-Public Partnership model on the issue of autonomy and were demanding full autonomy sans any interference from the Government or institutions being started by the PPP mode; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government favours active support and involvement of private participation for funding and management of educational institutions subject to reasonable surplus earned and the same being ploughed back for development of institutions. The 11th Plan document as approved by the National Development Council, also mentions the need to explore private sector initiatives and various forms of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the education sector.

(c) & (d): Government has already decided to set up 2500 Model Schools and 300 Polytechnics under Public Private Partnership mode during 11th Plan period. A proposal for setting up of 20 new Indian Institutes of Information Technology in various parts of the country under PPP mode is also under consideration.

(e) & (f): During interaction with various stakeholders to discuss setting up of model schools in the PPP mode, some of the participants had raised the broad issue of functional autonomy for the model schools to be set up in PPP mode.