GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3304 ANSWERED ON:16.03.2011 EDUCATION IN TRIBAL AREAS Bundela Shri Jeetendra Singh;Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh;Panda Shri Baijayant;Pradhan Shri Nityananda;Rajukhedi Shri Gajendra Singh

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

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the functioning of educational institutions in tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the norms for setting up tribal universities in the country;

(d) the details of tribal universities functioning at present in the country alongwith their locations;

(e) the locations identified for setting up new tribal universities;

(f) the progress made so far in setting up these universities; and

(g) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to strengthen the education in the tribal areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No specific review of the functioning of educational institutions in tribal areas of the country has been made by this Ministry.

(c): No particular norms have been prescribed for setting up tribal Universities.

(d) to (g): In order to strengthen higher education in Tribal areas, the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) has been established by an Act of Parliament. IGNTU Act provides for multiple campuses. At present, the University has started a campus in the Tribal area of Manipur apart from the Main Campus in Amarkantak.