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NATIONAL DATABASE OF ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made on the project relating to the creation of a national database of academic certificates issued by school boards and universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate safeguards exists to secure certificates free from unauthorized access, alternation, disclosure and manipulation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the project Is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As far as the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is concerned, it has successfully done a pilot project on creation of a database for its Class XII Examination and Central Teacher Eligibility Test(CTET). No such pilot project has been undertaken for Universities.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): According to CBSE, the following safeguards are available:-

i) Adequate systems and safeguards to ensure that its automatic data processing systems are secure by being protected against unauthorized access,alteration, destruction, disclosure or manipulation.

ii) Adequate systems for recovery, in case of any loss, destruction or any other contingency, of data in the database.

iii) Adequate safeguards to ensure that physical access to its premises, facilities, data centres including data back-up locations, automatic data processing systems and electronic data communication network is secure,controlled, monitored and recorded.

(e): The pilot project is already completed.