

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL AWARD FOR INDIAN GIRLS
Tagore Shri Manicka

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that two Indian girls were honoured recently with the UN Special Envoy for Global Education's Youth Courage Award for Education as part of Malala day celebrations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has any proposal to give any special award and incentives and support to these two girls to spread education among the girls in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Two Indian girls were among the 7 young girls from around the world who were honoured with the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education's Youth Courage Award for Education as part of Malala day celebrations on 12th July 2013. One of the girls is Razia Sultan, aged 15 from Nanglakhumba village in Meerut District of Uttar Pradesh who rescued several children engaged in child labour and initiated them into formal education. The other girl, Ashwini Angadi aged 24 from Bengaluru, Karnataka, is visually-challenged and is working with the Leonard Cheshire Disability Young Voices programme helping physically challenged children. She was honoured for fighting against odds to study and then campaign for other children with disabilities and enable them to take up education.

There is no proposal or practice to support awardees of international prizes and specific support to NGOs is provided as per the existing Government schemes in the Ministry.