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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the schemes for development of untapped potential in poor students at the school and college level in the country particularly in rural areas;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create a fund exclusively for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Scheme of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) sets up residential co-educational institutions from class VI to senior secondary stage, in each District of the country, to provide meritorious rural children an opportunity for good quality education.

Further, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes that are implemented in partnership with States/UTs such as the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan also set up new schools in rural areas to enable participation of children in those areas to participate in elementary and secondary level of education. The Model Schools Scheme envisages setting up of 6,000 model schools - one in every block of the country as benchmark of excellence for providing quality education for talented rural children. The scheme has two modes of implementation, viz. (i) 3,500 model schools are to be set up in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) through State/UT Governments; and (ii) the remaining 2,500 model schools are to be set up under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks which are not educationally backward.

The Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been recently launched with the aim to improve the quality of State Universities and colleges to provide quality higher education to students including to those from rural areas.