

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

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UPGRADATION OF POLYTECHNICS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Bihar to provide financial assistance for upgradation of polytechnic institutes and opening of new B.Ed/D.Ed educational institutes in the State under new curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the institution-wise details of talent scholarship given to the students by the Government?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Government has approved a scheme for providing financial assistance upto Rs. 2.00 crores per polytechnic to upgrade infrastructure facilities in 500 public funded polytechnics. Proposals were received from 12 government polytechnics in the state of Bihar and all 12 polytechnics have been provided partial financial assistance to upgrade infrastructure under the scheme.

The Teacher Education Approval Board has considered the Annual Work Plan proposal of Bihar and sanctioned the establishment of 4 New Block Institutes of Teacher Education (BITEs) at Musapur-Katihar, Dariyapur-E.Champaran, Madhopatti-Darbhanga, Balmiki Nagar- E.Champaran and the first installment of grant has been released in financial year 2013-14.

(c) Under the National Talent Search Scheme, the scholarship is awarded to selected candidates at the National level and there is no quota for State/Region. Further, under the Ministry's Scheme of Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University Students, each State has been allocated a quota of scholarships, as per the ratio of the population in the age group 18-25 years. However the scholarships are released directly to the students concerned and no funds are released to Institutions.