

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:205

ANSWERED ON:05.02.2014

JAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHAN

Hazari Shri Maheshwar ;Vardhan Shri Harsh

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

- (a) the concept, objectives and functions of the Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs) established in the country;
- (b) the number of JSSs sanctioned and functioning across the country, State-wise and their present status;
- (c) whether any new JSS has been sanctioned/established since 2009 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor including its adverse impact on the development of the related districts in the country;
- (d) the funds allocated to these Sansthans during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the mechanism put in place to monitor the functioning of JSSs?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Ouse

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 TO BE ANSSERED ON 05.02.2014 RAISED BY SHRI HARSH VARDHAN AND SHRI MAHESHWAR HAZARI, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING 'JAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHAN'.

(a): Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs) are established under the Scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development. They provide vocational skill development training to non-literate, neo-literates, as well as school drop outs by identifying skills as would have a market in the region of their establishment. Mandate of JSSs is to provide skill development and life enrichment education to Adult having no or rudimentary levels of education. Priority groups to be covered by JSSs include women, SCs/STcs/OBCs, other economically weaker sections and minorities. They are expected to keep in mind local demand and select only such vocational programmes which are relevant to clientele and should lead to enhancement of their income.

(b): The details of JSS sanctioned and functioning in the country, State-wise and their present status is at Annexure-I.

(c): No, Sir. Since 2009, no new JSS has been sanctioned/established anywhere in the country. The Jan Shikshan Sansthans are set up under the Scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development. In the 11th Plan, there was a provision to sanction 50 Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs) and all 50 JSSs have already been sanctioned prior to 2009. There is no provision for the sanction of additional JSSs during the 12th Plan period. The scheme does not envisage setting up of JSS in each district. The Department has not conducted any study to evaluate the impact in districts where JSSs have not been set up.

(d) : Details of funds allocated to JSSs during each of the last three years is at Annexure-II.

(e): A number of steps have been taken for monitoring the functioning of JSSs. A web-based monitoring system has been developed and is fully functional at . The Annual Action Plan of JSS is submitted and approved online. Region-wise review meetings are regularly held on half-yearly and yearly basis. The performance of each JSS is also evaluated every three years by reputed evaluating agencies empanelled with National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA). Performance audit of JSS is also conducted by expert agencies from time to time.