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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to formulate National Innovation Policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (b): There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to formulate National Innovation Policy in education sector. However, research and innovation are focused during XII Plan. As a part of this exercise, a new scheme on "National Initiative to establish 20 Design Innovation Centres, one Open Design School and National Design Innovation Network" has been launched during 2013-14.

Further, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which seeks to support and reform the state higher education system, is providing funding for Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement. States have to prepare a Research and Innovation Plan which would include facilities that

- (i) support research hubs/parks etc.,
- (ii) adoption of meta-university concept that offer cross university education and credit transfer facility to students,
- (iii) procure high quality e-resources,
- (iv) upgrade library and laboratory facilities,
- (v) facilities like incubation centers, innovation hubs,
- (vi) initiatives to attract top-rated international faculty,
- (vii) institutions that offer merit-based scholarships, fully-funded doctoral fellowships, post-doctoral fellowships,
- (viii) promotion of research and entrepreneurial activities,
- (ix) support different types of research programs – Base Research, Key Technology (R&D), High end (R&D) etc., and
- (x) special grants to faculty for conducting outstanding research.