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Title : The Minister of Human Resource Development laid a statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in 196th Report of Standing Committee of Human Resource Development on University of Higher Education, pertaining to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resources Development.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Madam, on behalf of Shrimati D. Purandeswari, I beg to lay the following Statement:

The 172nd Report of the Departmentally-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development was presented to Rajya Sabha and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on 22nd May, 2006.

2. The Department submitted its Action Taken Notes on the report. After examining it and hearing the Secretary (Higher Education) on 19th February, 2008, the hon. Committee submitted its 196th Report. The observations of the hon. Committee on the Action Taken Notes of the Ministry were examined in the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Action Taken Notes on the same were submitted to the hon. Committee. The status of implementation as on date are given below:

i) There is a proposal to launch New Scheme with Central - State funding for establishment of one model Degree College in each of the 374 identified Educationally Backward Districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) - lower than the national GER.

ii) In Technical Education Sector, 8 new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have been established at Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Orissa, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. Classes have been commenced in the first six new IITs from the academic session of 2008-09 and the remaining two from 2009-10. New Indian Institutes of Science & Educational Research (IISER) and School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) have been operationalised.

iii) A new Scheme namely, National Mission on Education through ICT has been launched in February, 2009.

iv) 15 new Central Universities have been established in all those States, except Goa, which did not have a Central University. Seven Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) would be set up in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Utrakhhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Rajasthan.

v) The Committee to Advise on Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education constituted by the Government under the chairmanship of Prof. Yaspal has submitted its Report on 24th June, 2009. The Report is under consideration of the Government.

vi) The Central Government has proposed to introduce a scheme for providing interest subsidy on the loans taken by students belonging to economically backward for pursuing professional education in India under the above mentioned scheme. The details are being worked out.

3. The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development is making sincere efforts to implement wherever feasible, the valuable recommendations of the hon. Committee in their true spirit.

4. I lay herewith the status of implementation of these recommendations on the Table of the House.

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