GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3048 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.8.2018

Scholarships for North Eastern Students

3048. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the "Ishan Vikas and Ishan Uday" scholarship schemes for students of North Eastern region;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and the number of students benefited under the said schemes till date; and
- (c)) the target of beneficiaries under the said schemes during the current year?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c)Ishan Vikas and Ishan Uday schemes are being implemented for the students of North Eastern region.

Ishan Vikas is coordinated by IIT, Guwahati and under the programme, selected school children from North Eastern States are brought in close contact with the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) during the vacation period to motivate them to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics and to facilitate internship opportunities for the engineering college students in various institutes of national importance. Annual target is to provide visit of 96 school children to premier institutes and summer internships to 250 engineering students. Rs. 605.45 lakhs has been approved for the programme. Since inception of the programme in 2014-15, 1637 school children and 372 Engineering students have benefited.

Ishan Uday Scholarship Scheme is administered by University Grants Commission (UGC). Under the scheme, scholarship is provided to the economically backward students from the North East Region for pursuing general degree courses, technical and professional degree courses. It is envisaged to provide 10000 scholarships annually. Since inception of the scheme in 2014-15, Rs. 224.82 Crore has been disbursed towards release of 47525 fresh and renewal scholarships.
