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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2133 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24-12-2018

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

2133. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

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

- the number of higher educational institutes that have been selected under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0 and the number of villages that have been adopted for development;
- the details of the dimensions of development and types of works under those dimensions that have been covered under the Action Plans prepared by the institutes; and
- c) the aspects that are covered under the 'Values and Perception Development'component of the Human Development domain of intervention in the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

- (a) Currently 1832 institutes are part of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0 and 9160 villages are adopted by the selected institutes.
- (b) & (c) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan aimsto link the Higher Education Institutions with atleast five villages each, so that these institutions can contribute to the economic and social betterment of these village communities usingtheir knowledge base. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is inspired by the vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India. It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between the society and an inclusive university system, with the latter providing knowledge base; practices for emerging livelihoods and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and private sectors.

The details of the dimensions of development and types of work covered under Action plans prepared by Institutes are inter alia: Sustainable Agriculture System, Rural Energy System.Rural Craft and Artisans Development, Sanitation and Solid Liquid Waste Management, Ethos in Technical Institutions and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Start –Ups

The aspects covered under "Values and Perception Development" component of the Human Development domain of intervention among others, Ethical values, Social values, Ideological Values, Aesthetics and Personal and cultural development

"Unnat Bharat Abhiyan" by bringing Higher Educational Institutes and villages closer, helps in identification of problems in the villages and finding solutions for the same. In this process, the rural people would get trained and exposed to the technology/processes/best practices to lead better lives. This in turn helps in improving the perception of the problems faced and the solutions available. Also, the faculty and the students get exposed and sensitized to the rural realities, which is expected to improve the quality and type of research and studies.
