

[*Translation*]

Provision of Dollars for Students Seeking Admission in Ph.D and M.D. in Foreign Countries

* 6107 SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a lump sum amount in the form of dollars is being charged from students seeking admission in Ph.D and M.D. etc. in U.S.S.R. and in other erstwhile socialist countries:

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide dollars to such students for completing their education:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the problems being faced by students in completing their studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). No amount in dollars or otherwise is charged for their studies from students/scholars who are being sent abroad under the auspices of the Government of India for studies in foreign countries under the bilateral Cultural Exchange Programmes etc. Self-financing students seeking admission privately in foreign institutions may have to pay admission fees, tuition fees etc. However, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, (Department of Education), Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have not received any representation from Indian students abroad expressing difficulties on account of such payments, if any.

According to the information available with the Ministry of External Affairs, the position in respect of private scholars in different East European countries is as follows:-

- i) BULGARIA: Bulgarian Universities are now charging US \$ 4000 per annum (all inclusive) from foreign students seeking admission in Ph.D. and M.D. etc. courses.
- ii) U.S.S.R.: Where the arrangements are directly worked out between students and institutions on partial compensation basis, partial payment is made either in dollars or other currencies. Where arrangements are worked out by the intermediaries and institutions students make lump-sum payments in rupees.
- iii) HUNGARY: The self-financing students from the Gulf area have to pay admission fees, tuition fees etc. in hard currency.
- iv) ROMANIA: Foreign students desirous to pursue degree courses in Romania have to pay a sum of US \$ 310 per month for medical faculty, US \$ 270 in institutes of polytechnic including Economics, US \$ 710 for Institute of Theatre and US \$ 420 for Institute of Music. Students pay fees per month or in lump-sum as per their convenience.

[*English*]

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* 6108. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: