

the Chief Minister and the Minister for Commercial Taxes of Andhra Pradesh respectively for setting up of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Visakhapatnam and these have been replied by Minister of Human Resource Development *vide* letters dated 12.03.2007 and dated 29.01.2008.

The eleventh Five Year Plan envisages establishment of 7 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). One of the 7 IIMs has been established at Shillong (Meghalaya). The request of the Andhra Pradesh Government will be kept in mind while deciding locations of the remaining six IIMs. It is not possible, at this stage, to indicate a specific time limit by which the final decision will be taken.

UNESCO report on literacy

*69. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

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

91. whether the UNESCO report has rapped the country for its poor literacy record and on the basis of the population growth, the UNESCO Institute of Statistics has projected that the country's literacy rate is just a shade over 60 per cent, compared with global standards, and that one-third of world's illiterates live in the country;

92. if so, whether the Ministry has added that it would not be able to achieve 85 per cent literacy by 2012 and blamed the National Literacy Mission for the failure as it did not target illiterates above 35 years and caters only to the age group; and

(c) if so, what are the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):

(a) No, Sir. According to the Education for All-Global Monitoring Report of UNESCO and 2001 Census, the adult literacy rate in India was 61 per cent in respect of population aged 15 and over. However, according to the 2001 Census, the literacy rate for the population aged 7 years and above was 64.84 per cent, which reflected an increase of 12.63 per cent since 1991. Out of the 774 million illiterates in the world, 268 million persons are in India.

15. No, Sir. However, due to paucity of funds it will not be possible to achieve 85 per cent literacy by 2012.

16. Total Literacy Campaign (TLC), Post Literacy Programme (PLP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) are being implemented in 597 districts for imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15—35 age group.

Proposal of West Bengal for Funds for Renewable Energy Programmes

*70. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unsatarred Question 1403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 2007 and state the reasons for non-acceptance of the proposal of Government of West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): The proposal of West Bengal Government was for extending the same level of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of 90% for implementation