

Kosh is also implementing programmes, with special focus on marginalized women under which financial assistance is provided for implementing self employment programmes through Non-Governmental Organisations. Other schemes such as National Old Age Pension Schemes and the Social Defence Schemes provide for pension and rehabilitation of such aged and marginalized women.

Merger of ICHR and ICSSR

4362. MISS MABEL REBELLO :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

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

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to merger Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) with the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR).

(b) whether this merger is being done because of withdrawal of the Towards Freedom Series; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) :

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Commission for Women in Gujarat

4363. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether State level Commission for women has been set up in Gujarat;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have advised the Gujarat Government to set up such a Commission in the State; and

(e) if so, the response of the State Government in that regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) to (e) The Government has been writing to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including the State Government of Gujarat, from time to time requesting them to set up State level women commission. The State Government of Gujarat has not yet set up a state level commission for women.

Computerisation and use of Information Technology in Railways

4364. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have undertaken and completed projects for use of Information Technology-computerisation in its operations during the last five years and the order of investment made thereon;

(b) the details of fresh investment proposed during the current year and next five years in computerisation and use of Information Technology in Railways in General and Maharashtra in particular; and

(c) the details of Railway stations covered in Maharashtra for computerised reservations facility and the names of Railway stations proposed to be covered for such facilities during the current year and funds allocated therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have already computerised Passenger Reservation Services. A blueprint for computerisation of Freight Operation Services have been made and implementation of two important applications is being operationalised on Northern Railway. Pilot projects in the areas of personnel management, procurement and inventory control, workshop managements are at different stages of implementation at the Divisional and Zonal levels. Use of computer telephony integration in the passenger interface areas is being increasingly introduced. The order of investment made in computerisation of these services in the last five years is Rs. 140 crores (approx.)

(b) For the current year 2000-01, Rs. 70 crores has been provided for investment in the field of Computerisation and Information Technology covering areas of Passenger Reservation, Freight Operation, workshops and stores computerisation, management information system etc. The investment in the