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(a) whether any particular organisation has been entrusted by Government the launching of literacy campaign;

(b) if so, the name of the said organisation and the amount being provided by Government to this organisation annually, on average basis, during the past few years;

(c) whether any such infrastructure is available with this organisation through which literacy-campaign is being launched all over the country;

(d) if so, what are the details of the infrastructure of this organisation; and

(e) how and where the infrastructure is being utilised in the literacy campaign?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Literacy Mission. Average allocation for the last three years is Rs. 110.32 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is housed in Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. It is headed by the Director General, National Literacy Mission.

(e) Not applicable.

Committees and Commissions for improvement of education System

5117. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of committees and commissions had been constituted for improvement in the education system during the past decades;

(b) if so, the total number of such commissions as well as committees constituted so far, separately;

(c) the dates on which such commissions and committees had been constituted and the names of persons under whose Chairmanship the same were constituted; and

(d) what was the estimated total amount spent on these committees and commissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ban on the Towards Freedom Volumes Dealing with the Year 1938

5118. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Towards Freedom volumes (in three parts) dealing with the year 1938 have been banned by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, why the above volumes were not formally released by the ICHR; and

(d) whether ICHR does not intend to publish the remaining volumes of this Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The volume was released in September/October, 1999.

(d) The ICHR intends to publish the remaining volumes of Towards Freedom Project.

Policy on working of Autonomous Institutions

5119. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is change in policy on the working of autonomous institutions and universities under the Ministry in that there would be less autonomy and more reference to the concerned Ministry for action on all decisions;