

Setting up of Rashtriya Shiksha Kosh

3743. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Rashtriya Shiksha Kosh to enlist public support and funds for elementary education programmes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) Government propose to set up Bharat Shiksha Kosh to receive donations from interested organisations and individuals including Non Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin and foreigners with a view to mobilize extra-budgetary resources for development of education in the country. A token provision of Rs. 1.00 crore has been made in current year's budget as an initial contribution to the Kosh. The modalities of establishment and management of the Kosh have, however, not yet been finalised.

Area Intensive Programme for Educationally backward Minorities Scheme

3744. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities Scheme is being implemented by Government in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and

(c) the role being played by the Gujarat Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The State Government of Gujarat was sanctioned an amount of Rs. 4.30 lakhs under the Scheme of Area Intensive programme for Educationally backward Minorities in 1994-95 for construction of a girls hostel at Government High School, Bhuj, Kutch District. The amount was, however, refunded subsequently by the State Government as there was no suitable site for construction of hostel in the school premises and the need for construction of separate girls hostel was not felt due to availability of alternative arrangements. No other proposal has thereafter been received from the State Government under the scheme.