

- (i) The Central Government will provide financial assistance to the State Governments which have opted for these revised pay scales to the extent of 80% of the additional expenditure involved in the implementation of the revision.
- (ii) The State Governments will meet the remaining 20% of the expenditure from their own sources.
- (iii) The financial assistance, indicated above, would be provided for the period from 1.1.96 to 31.3.2000.
- (iv) The entire liability on account of revision of pay scales, etc., of University and College teachers would be taken over by the State Governments w.e.f. 1.4.2000.
- (v) The Central assistance would be restricted to revision of pay scales in respect of only those posts which were in existence and filled up on 1.1.1996.

The Scheme formulated by the other States are being processed expeditiously in consultation with them.

Central Schools in Himachal Pradesh

483. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Schools opened in Himachal Pradesh district-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to provide such facilities to the residents living in remote areas in near future, to facilitate the children of those serving in armed forces; and
- (c) if so, what is the plan of Government in this regard?

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

(a) At present, there are 18 Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools) functioning in Himachal Pradesh, the District-wise break-up thereof is as under:

Mandi	:	01
Hamirpur	:	02
Kangra	:	06
Chamba	:	03
Shimla	:	03
Sirmour	:	01
Solan	:	02
Total		18

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(b) and (c) At present the children of Armed Forces personnel residing and living in remote areas have the facilities of the Kendriya Vidyalayas located at the places mentioned above.

Gujarat Government's Proposal for Expanding DPEP

404. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has sent a proposal for expanding District Primary Education Programme in the State;

(b) if so, whether the proposal is being considered if not, the reasons for non-clearance of the proposal; and

(c) by when the proposal would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal has been approved in principle and the Government of Gujarat has been requested to initiate formalities for project preparation.

Modifications in Yoga Education Policy in KVS

†485 SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan/Ministry are going to make certain modifications in the policy pertaining to Yoga education being imparted in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for making such modifications, along with the salient features thereof?

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

(b) Question does not arise.

Revamping Technical Education

486. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being made by Government to revamp technical education in the country;

(b) if so, the achievement made in that regard as on 30th June, 1999, State-wise;

†Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.