

[3 December, 1999]

RAJYA SABHA

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the Delhi edition of Navbharat Times dated 27th August, 1999 under the caption, "Joshi per Kendriya Vidyalaya ke Shikshakon ki Upeksha ka Aarop"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands of teachers are considered in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures.

Ban on Fake Universities

474. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has been drawing attention of the students in the country time and again about fake universities;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government or the concerned State Governments have totally failed to ban such fake universities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government now propose to take to check such fake universities in the country?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) UGC and the Government of India keep the State Governments informed of the presence of fake universities operating in their respective States. The State Governments are also advised to take legal action against such universities. Press release are also issued by UGC advising students to be vigilant about functioning of fake Universities.

(d) Malpractices Cells have been set up in the Ministry and UGC to keep a vigilant eye on the activities of fake universities.

Chargesheet to an Agitating Teacher

†475. SHRI RAGHAVJI:

SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, Andolan Main Bhag Lene Ke Aarop Main Shikshak Neta ko Aarop Patra Thamaya, published in Navbharat Times (New Delhi edition) dated 9th November, 1999; and

†Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(b) The charge-sheet has been issued for misconduct as defined in CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 as applicable to K.V.S. employees. Inquiry & Presenting Officers have already been appointed to conduct the departmental proceedings expeditiously and strictly as per Rules.

Review of Syllabus by NCERT

476. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to get school syllabus reviewed by the NCERT and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware of the recommendations of the Yash Pal Committee on measures to reduce the load of the school syllabus; and

(c) if so, why Government thought it fit to shelve these recommendations and instead engage the NCERT to further review the school syllabus?

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

(a) to (c) The NCERT has initiated a process of review of the National Curriculum Framework as a follow-up of the Programme of Action 1992 under the National Policy on Education, 1986 and advice given under the 9th Plan finalised by the Planning Commission. After the receipt of the Report from the Yash Pal Committee the Ministry of Human Resource Development constituted a Committee to consider the recommendations and also a Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Director, NCERT.

Review of the working of National Book Trust

477. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of the National Book Trust of India (NBT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to promote the production as well as distribution and sale of National Book Trust books; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction?

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

(a) and (b) A review of