

[3 December, 1999]

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan determines teaching and non-teaching staff in each Kendriya Vidyalaya every year. The staff become surplus due to decrease in classes/sections, merger of shifts, upgradation of Kendriya Vidyalayas etc. Details of surplus teachers as on 31.8.99 are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 188 Annexure No. 15]

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. This has been done due to budgetary constraints.

Objectives of Kendriya Vidyalayas

†490. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the objective for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas by the Government of India and whether they are fulfilling their objectives; and

(b) whether Government are going to gradually close Kendriya Vidyalayas, stating the number of Vidyalayas closed so far in the country and in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) The Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened Primarily with the objective of catering to the educational needs of the children of transferable Central Govt, employees including Defence and paramilitary personnel by providing a common pattern of education.

Kendriya Vidyalayas are also opened in Project Sectors to cater to the educational needs of the employees of Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies and Institutes of Higher Learning on the condition that they would meet all the recurring/non-recurring expenses of the school.

(b) There is no plan to gradually close down the Kendriya Vidyalayas. However, proposals to close down/relocate the KVs or merge them with existing KVs are considered on merits of each case.

Seven KVs located in the Project Sectors have been closed down during 1999-2000. Two were located in Rajasthan. Five KVs located in Civil/Defence Sectors were merged/relocated, out of which one is in Rajasthan.

Increase in Insecurity of Train Commuters

491. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the risk of insecurity for commuters in trains has been increasing; and

(b) if so, what specific steps Government propose to take in this regard?

†Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.