

(a) to (c) Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Director and General Manager (Construction) in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) are appointed with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet as per their Recruitment Rules which are not exactly similar to the equivalent posts in Government of India.

(d) and (e) Out of the three posts mentioned above the terms of the present Director, NVS was extended on two occasions from 12.4.98 to 30.9.99 and for one year beyond 30th September, 1999.

Target for hundred per cent literacy

1038. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for hundred per cent literacy;
- (b) whether adequate budget would be provided to achieve the target; and
- (c) the reasons for proposing to make education a fundamental right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to 100 million adult non-literates in the age group of 15-35 years in a time-bound manner; and adequate budget provision has been made.

(c) Though the Hon'ble Supreme Court's ruling in the Unni Krishnan case has already made education of children upto 14 years a fundamental right, the amendment of the Constitution would make it an obligation of State to provide free and compulsory education, and demonstrate necessary political will and administrative resolve of the country to achieve universalisation of elementary education and to eradicate illiteracy.

Annual Rate of Literacy Growth

1039. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual rate of literacy growth in the country; and
- (b) the steps taken to touch 100 per cent literacy in the country within a decade?