

implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Orissa. It is understood that these are being implemented as per the approved pattern. Schemes and Programmes have in-build provisions of monitoring and evaluation, including external evaluations by expert agencies, to ascertain the progress of implementation and trends emerging from time to time.

Recruitments in KVS by Educational Consultants India Ltd.

1041. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had entrusted the work of recruiting different categories of teachers and non-teaching employees in 1999 to an agency called Educational Consultants India Limited;

(b) if so, the reasons that prompted the Sangathan to do so;

(c) whether many Principals of KVS were entrusted with the work of evaluating answer scripts of candidates;

(d) whether some question papers had leaked out and re-examinations were held to contain the large scale irregularities indulged in; and

(e) if so, the action taken to fix responsibilities therefor and penal action taken?

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

(a) The work relating to recruitment of different categories of teaching posts only was entrusted to Educational Consultants India Ltd.

(b) This was done to ensure greater degree of objectivity, transparency, uniformity in standards and selection of teachers on the basis of merit as independently assessed on uniform and standardised criteria.

(c) Some of the Principals of KVS were entrusted with the work of test checking the evaluated answer sheets for the post of Post Graduate Teachers to re-check correctness of computer generated assessments.

(d) and (e) No irregularities were reported in the process. However, for the examination for the post of Drawing Teacher, the wrong question paper was opened in one Centre in the First Session. Though in the inquiry it was found that this had not led to a leakage, but to keep the process totally above board it was decided to hold the examination of this paper again.