

Proposal to Modernise Madrasas and Maktabas

1047. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to modernise Madrasas and maktabas;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to enable the students of these institutions to compete for mainstream jobs;
- (c) if not, what would be the future of students; and
- (d) whether Government have any scheme for providing them some employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, The Government of India operates a scheme of financial assistance to voluntary organisations/Government aided institutions for modernisation of Madrasas by introducing Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum. The scheme provides assistance for teachers' salary to teach modern subjects, purchase of Science/Maths kits and establishment of book banks. The Scheme provides opportunities to students of these institutions to acquire education comparable to National Education System, which enables the students to compete for mainstream jobs. However, Government have no scheme to provide them employment.

Reservation for Women in Professional Courses

1048. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to have reservation for women in the professional courses, particularly in Medical and Management courses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether any steps are being taken in that direction?

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

- (a) to (c) There is no proposal, at present, with the Government to have