

Degradation of Historical Monuments of Bihar

1938. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fast degradation of historical monuments and archaeological sites in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey to find out the damage to these monuments and archaeological sites;

(c) what is the Central allocation made during 1997 and 1998 for preservation of monuments and archaeological sites and what is the actual amount spent during these years; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The monuments and sites protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in the State of Bihar are in a fairly good state of preservation. The monuments and sites are subject to periodic inspection by concerned officers of the Archaeological Survey of India to assess their conservation requirements which are taken up according to priorities subject to the availability of resources.

(c) and (d) The amount allocated and expenditure incurred during the year 1996-97 and 1997-98 for their maintenance and structural conservation of centrally protected monuments in Bihar is:

1996-97	Rs. 87,00,000/-
1997-98	Rs. 1,38,67,300/-

Amartya Sen's Advice on Education

1939. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the advice given by the Noted Noble Laureate, Amartya Sen, to spread education in the country; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Prof. Amartya Sen has been emphasising among other things on the crucial importance of investing in education as integral to development. Cognisant of Prof. Sen's views, the Central Government has been trying to raise the level of funding of education particularly at the primary education level. State Governments are also being closely associated in the process so as to ensure optimum utilisation of physical and financial resources for education.

Staff Strength of B.B. Ambedkar University

1940. DR. (Ms.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing strength of teaching and non-teaching staff, category-wise, in the B.B. Ambedkar University at Lucknow;

(b) what is the strength of students admitted to various courses in the University; and

(c) whether the existing teaching staff is adequate; if not, how the shortage is made up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, the existing

teaching, and non-teaching staff is as under:—

- (i) Teaching Staff
 Professor—2
 Reader—3
 Lecturer—8
- (ii) Non-Teaching Staff
 Group 'A' — 13
 Group 'C' — 37
 Group 'D' — 26

The existing strength of students admitted for various courses is as under

S. No.	Name of Course	No. of Students
1.	M.Sc. (Environmental Sciences)	35
2.	M.Sc. (Information Science)	35
3.	M. Phil (History and Economics)	23
4.	Postgraduate Diploma (Horticulture)	20
5.	Postgraduate Diploma (Sericulture)	19
6.	Postgraduate Diploma (Human Rights)	18
7.	Postgraduate Diploma (Computer Software Applications)	20
TOTAL:		170

The requirements for additional teaching staff is met by engaging visiting faculty. Meanwhile, recruitment to eight faculty positions is also being made by the University

Literacy Rate in Bihar

1941. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR
 MALHOTRA:
 SHRI RAGHAVJI:

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

(a) what is the literacy rate in Bihar, region-wise; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to increase the literacy rate in various regions of the State, to remove regional imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A Statement giving district-wise literacy rate as per 1991 census is enclosed. (*See below*)

(b) National Literacy Mission aims to cover all the districts of Bihar by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan.

Statement

District-wise Literacy Rates of the Age Group 7 and Above—1991

STATE—BIHAR

Sl. No.	District	Literacy Rate
1.	Panta	56.33
2.	Nalanda	46.94
3.	Bhojpur	47.18
4.	Rohtas	45.41
5.	Aurangabad	45.14
6.	Jehanabad	45.83
7.	Gaya	40.47
8.	Nawada	38.96
9.	Saran	41.79
10.	Siwan	39.13
11.	Gopalganj	34.96
12.	Pashchim Champaran	27.99
13.	Purba Champaran	27.59
14.	Sitamarhi	28.12
15.	Muzaffarpur	36.11
16.	Vaishali	40.56
17.	Begusarai	36.88
18.	Samastipur	36.37
19.	Darbhanga	34.94
20.	Madhubani	33.22
21.	Saharsa	28.97
22.	Madhepura	27.72
23.	Purnia	28.52
24.	Katihar	28.70
25.	Khagaria	32.33
26.	Munger	41.58
27.	Bhagalpur	39.89
28.	Godda	34.02