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UGC recommendation regarding creation of post of selection grade reader

1119. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will make the benefits of selection grade Readers, a new rank created in fresh UGC recommendations, available to college teachers, for the sake of justice; and

(b) whether Government have ensured the implementation of the new pay-scale in all the States simultaneously to avoid any uncalled for development of a situation of strikes or class boycott by teachers in some States becuase of non-implementation or delay in the implementation of new pay scales?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Government had announced certain pay-strucutre for the Teachers of Universities and Colleges, including a new Selection Grade for Readers. However, the Government have received representations from the various teachers' associations against the announced pay-structure as also certain directions from the Delhi High Court for a reconsideration.

(b) Decision on implementation of the Scheme of revision of pay scales has to be taken by the concerned State Governments. As in the past, Central Government will consider the financial assistance if the Scheme is adopted by the State 'Governments.

Standard of Indian sportspcrsons

1120. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Indian players and athletes participating in the international events is not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the standard of the Indian sportspersons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE ' DEVELOPMENT (SUSHREE UMA BHARATI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that performance of Indian Players, in Inter- national events in some disciplines is found not quite satisfactory, though in some others our players and athletes have performed well in the International events.

(b) The process of improving the standard of sportspersons is an on-going process and is undertaken in consultation with Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs) as part of Long Term Development Plans (LTDP). The Department is providing requisite assistance to the National Sports Federations in their efforts to prepare Indian teams and sportspersons by way of financial, technical and infrastructural support for foreign 165 Written Answers

exposures; foreign coaches; modern and scientific sports equipment.

In particular, the following measures have been taken with a view to improving the standard of our players and athletes in International Sports events:—

(i) *Coaching Camps:* Coaching Camps in almost all the disciplines are in progress at different training Centres of SAL

(ii) International Competitions: As per the approved programmes under the guidelines, various team are being sent for participation in International Competitions such as World Cups, Asian Championships, Commenwealth Championships and other International Competitions.

(iii) Foreign Coaches: Foreign Coaches from Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhastan, Israel, Bulgaria, Cuba, Australia and Mongolia in the disciplines of Athletics, Judo, Kayaking, Archery, Weightlifting, Boxing, Shooting and Wrestling have been engaged for the training of the National Teams.

Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation

1121. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The number of new libraries instituted so far with the initiative of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, since opening of new libraries is one of the main objectives for which the Foundation was created;

(b) the books purchased and supplied language-wise by the Foundation to the libraries in towns and rural areas seper-ately during 1997-98; and

(c) what is the procedure for selection of books in the various Indian languages adopted by the Foundation for supply to the libraries? THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Since library is a State subject, the main obejc-tive of Raja Rammohan Roy Library foundation is to support the library movement in the country. Hence instituting new library does not fall under the per-view of its objective.

(b) and (c) The Foundation purchases books in (1) Hindi (2) English (3) translations (Hindi/English) from other Indian language for distribution to the State Central Libraries, Distict Libraries and such other public libraries as decided by the Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation from time to time. The books are selected by a Book Selection Committee, set up by the Administrative Committee, in accordance with the guidelines laid down for the Committee. The books not ordinarily selected are (1) foreign publications (2) text books and (3) books costing above Rs. 500⁷-. However, exceptions are made in case of valuable and useful books. Selection is normally restricted to books published within the last 3 years, including the year of selection.

As far as books in regional language are concerned these are purhcased by the States under the schemes of matching assistance towards building-up of adequate stock of books and other reading and visual material. Under the scheme the State Governments can purchase books in different subjects in regional languages.

The Foundation under its Central Purchase Scheme purchased and supplied during 1997-98, 1418 titles in English and Hindi to 27 State Central Libraries, 383 District Libraries and 100 selected libraries as per the break-up below:

1. English 1,121

- 2. Hindi 297
 - Total 1,418