

create a demand for education and in many cases assist in or directly manage local level educational facilities like the MSK, NFE & ECCE centres.

The MS programme in Baroda & Rajkot districts has trained village women in legal procedure and three Nari Adalats have been set up to address problems like domestic violence, marital problems etc. So far, the Nari Adalats in Baroda have handled about 200 cases.

The evaluation has appreciated the effective leadership role that women are playing at the village level and in the Panchayat bodies to which they have been elected. In Gujarat, 248 women from the Sanghas have been elected to various Panchayati Raj bodies.

(c) and (f) During the 9th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to expand the programme in additional four districts. During 1998, the programme has expanded to two new districts.

Mahila Samakhyas is a process oriented programme which seeks to mobilise, organise and empower poor women. Human Resource Development is critical to achieving the programme's objectives. Since this is an intensive process, there are constraints in going to scale to cover the whole State.

#### अजमेर में यूथ होस्टल स्थापित करना

3474. श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने अजमेर में एक "यूथ होस्टल" स्थापित करने के लिए निधियों की मंजूरी दी है; यदि हां, तो किस तिथि को और कितनी राशि मंजूर की है;

(ख) क्या अजमेर में "यूथ होस्टल" का निर्माण शुरू हो चुका है; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार के पास जन प्रतिनिधियों ने यूथ होस्टल के अजमेर में निर्माण हेतु वैकल्पिक सुझाव दिया है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी उमा भारती): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी नहीं। चूंकि लागत अनुमान और प्राथमिक नक्शे आदि नहीं भेजे गए हैं, इसलिए इस प्रस्ताव पर कार्रवाई करना संभव नहीं हो पाया।

(ग) जी हां। "सम्राट पृथ्वीराज चौहान खेल नगर" में युवा छात्रावास के निर्माण हेतु एक सुझाव दिया गया है। तथापि, युवा छात्रावास का निर्माण केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारों के बीच एक संयुक्त उद्यम है जिसके अंतर्गत राज्य सरकार निःशुल्क विकसित भूमि उपलब्ध कराती है और केन्द्र सरकार इसके निर्माण हेतु धनराशि उपलब्ध कराती है। राज्य सरकार से ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

#### Functioning of ICHR

3475. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects undertaken by the Indian Council of Historical Research, an official agency for documentation and promoting Indian History, in the last twenty years are yet to be completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of the projects;

(d) whether Government have made any assessment of the working of the ICHR and its dismal performance;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are enclosed in statement (see below).

(c) According to the information furnished by ICHR, the two main reasons for non-completion of the projects in time are, (i) non-availability of some of the documents in India and (ii) the Editors of a series of ten volumes of a particular project working in honorary capacity.

(d) to (f) The Government of India had appointed a Review Committee in 1981-82 to look into the working of ICHR. The Review Committee's recommendations were sent to ICHR for compliance. While most of the recommendations have been accepted for remedial action by the Council, there are some recommendations which the Council has yet to comply with. Government have also taken note of certain recommendations which the Council finds it impractical to fulfil.

#### Statement

According to the information furnished by the ICHR, three major projects namely the "Towards Freedom", "Economic History of India" and "Dictionary of Social, Economic and Administrative terms in Indian Inscriptions" started between 1976 and 1992 are in different stages of completion. Besides, the Council also approved projects undertaken by individual scholars most of which have been completed.

*Towards Freedom Project:* The expenditure during the last 25 years on this project is Rs. 1,64,40,547/-. The first volume of 1358 pages covering the year 1937 was published in 19. Subsequent progress has been as below:—

1938 & 1946 In Press.  
1939, 1941 In Progress.  
1942 & 1947  
1940 & 1945 Ready for Press.  
1943-44 Published in three parts in 1997.

*Economic History of India Project:* According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the amount spent on this project so far is Rs. 19,55,161/-. Two volumes of the Project namely 'Indian Railways' and 'Indian Agriculture' are ready for the Press.

*Dictionary of Social, Economic and Administrative Terms in Indian Inscriptions:* This project is ongoing and the council has spent Rs. 3,74,200/- so far.

#### Projects Undertaken by ICHR

3476 SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects were undertaken by the Indian Council of Historical Research in the last five years;

(b) how many of them were completed;

(c) how much money has been spent on the "Towards Freedom Series Project" and how many volumes have been published so far;

(d) whether several hundred manuscripts are either missing from Council's custody or are totally damaged; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by ICHR, three major projects namely the 'Towards Freedom', 'Dictionary of Inscription' and the 'Economic History of India' started between 1976 and 1992 have been continued during the last five years. These are in different stages of completion. Besides, the Council also approved projects undertaken by 67 individual scholars. Forty-nine of these projects have been completed but eighteen are still in progress.

The expenditure during the last 25 years on Towards Freedom Project is Rs. 1,64,40,547/-. The first volume of 1358 pages covering the year 1937 was published in 1985. Subsequent Progress has been as below:—

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1942 & 1947 }  
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(a) and (e) The ICHR have informed that a few manuscripts are reportedly either missing or have not been sent to