

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d) Will arise after the information as at (b) above is available.

#### **Reconstitution of ICHR**

4233. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:  
SHRI JANARDHANA  
POOJARY:

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

(a) whether Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has been reconstituted with appointment of 18 historians;

(b) if so, the name thereof;

(c) whether it is fact that some of these historians are virtually unknown in academic circles and have been appointed due to their links with some commercial organisations; and

(d) if so, the reasons for appointing such unknown persons?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The term of the office of the Council had expired on the 23rd November, 1997 on completion of three years as per Rule 6 of the ICHR. The Government, therefore, nominated 18 historians and constituted the Council as required under the Rule.

(b) The names of 18 historians are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The historians nominated to the Council are distinguished historians and academics who have been or are associated with institutions of higher learning and research.

#### **Statement**

##### *Reconstitution of ICHR*

The names of 18 historians nominated by Government of India on the Council of ICHR which was reconstituted on June 01, 1998, are:—

- (1) Prof. Amitabh Mukherjee
- (2) Prof. Chandrashekhar
- (3) Prof. Dharmpal
- (4) Prof. N.G.S. Narayanan
- (5) Prof. B.B. Lai
- (6) Prof. K.S. Lai
- (7) Prof. B.P. Sinha
- (8) Prof. A.R. Khan
- (9) Prof. B.R. Grover

- (10) Prof. Satish Mittal
- (11) Prof. (Mrs.) Mani Kamerkar
- (12) Dr. M.L.K. Murthy
- (13) Prof. S.S. Hans
- (14) Prof. Hari Om
- (15) Prof. H.K. Barpujari
- (16) Prof. Pritpal Bhatia
- (17) Prof. D.N. Tripathi
- (18) Prof. B.R. Kamble

#### **Lack of preservation of rare and historically valuable documents at Archives and Museums**

4234. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that innumerable rare and historically valuable documents are perishing in various archives and museums in the country due to lack of preservation care;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter and to identify the reasons for lack of facilities for the preservation of valuable documents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?