

**Central Assistance Sought by Andhra Pradesh for Sports Facilities**

**4212. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought Central assistance for creating sports facilities at places where they do not exist and import of latest sports equipments; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto, keeping in view the venue of National Youth Festival 1998-99 being held at Hyderabad?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) This Department had received proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for creating sports facilities. No proposal for import of latest sports equipment has been received.

(b) Keeping in view the huge committed liability of the projects approved up to 1996 and the revision of the relevant scheme, it was decided not to consider any fresh proposal till the committed liability is met and revision of this scheme is finalised. Consequently, proposals received from the State Government were returned to them. The fresh proposals would be considered for sanction on their receipt in the Department after revision of the scheme.

**Study Centres set up in Assam under Total Literacy Programme**

**4213. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of study centres set up under Total Literacy Programme in Assam;

(b) the total amount of expenditure incurred under this scheme so far; and

(c) the details of funds proposed by Government during the current financial year?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) Total Literacy Campaigns have been launched in 21 out of 23 districts of Assam, with an approximate coverage of 28.00 lakh. The suggested ratio of volunteer to learners is 1:10 for setting up literacy centres in a literacy campaign project.

(b) Since the launching of the scheme of Special Projects for Eradication of Illiteracy in 1989-90, an amount of Rs. 638.18 crore has been incurred as Central grant for the country as a whole. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 15.93 crore has so far been released to different Zilla Saksharata Samitis implementing literacy campaigns in Assam.

(c) An amount of Rs. 20.00 crore is proposed to be spent under the scheme during the current financial year. Funds are not earmarked State-wise but released on the basis of proposals received from Zilla Saksharata Samitis and availability of funds.

**बच्चों में कुपोषण पाया जाना**

**4214. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत के 65 प्रतिशत बच्चे कुपोषण के शिकार हैं;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इन बच्चों को बेहतर आहार तथा पोषण देने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इन बच्चों को कुपोषण के चंगुल से बचाने हेतु कोई केन्द्रीय योजना बनायेगी?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी):** (क) जी नहीं। 1995-96 में आयोजित जिला पोषाहार रूपा रेखाओं के अध्ययनों के अनुसार 1-5 वर्ष की आयुवर्ग के 49.2% बच्चे कुपोषित हैं।