

**National Child Welfare Awards, 1996**

\*494. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Child Welfare Awards, 1996, were given recently;

(b) if so, details thereof, with names of individuals selected for such awards, including the criteria followed in the selection;

(c) whether these awards were also given to some institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof with names of awardee institutions selected for these awards alongwith the criteria followed in the selection;

(e) whether no such awards have been given either to individuals or institutions from Assam; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with instructions to be issued to Government of Assam to tune-up voluntary organisations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir. National Awards for Child Welfare, 1996 were given away on 3rd March, 1997.

(b) For the year 1996 the following 3 Individuals were selected for the National Awards for Child Welfare.

(i) Shri Mahabir Das Mahanth of Baba Baidya Nath Balika Mook Badhir Vidyalaya, Ghosi Tola, Munger (Bihar).

(ii) Dr. Kewal Krishan Kapil of Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), and

(iii) Mrs. Aruna V. Kumar, General Secretary of Delhi Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi.

The criteria for Individuals to be selected for the award is based on the best work done for the cause of children for some years. Paid officers of Institutions are not eligible for selection. The sole basis for selection was the

quality of work performed by the Individuals for the cause of children.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. During the year 1996, five Institutions were selected for the National Child Welfare Awards. The details of the Institutions are as under:—

(i) Motherless Babies Home, The Salvation Army, Aizawl, Tuikual 'A' Mizoram-796 001.

(ii) Navjeevan Bala Bhavan, Poornanandampet, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh- 520 003.

(iii) Maharashtra State Women's Council, Rescue Home, Urekhadi, Bombay-400 009.

(iv) Vivekananda Education Society, 133, Kalicharan Dutta Road, Calcutta-700 061.

(v) Asha Sadan Social Centre, Near Ratnagar Ice Factory, Raina P.O. Vasco, Goa—405 802.

The criteria for selection of the Institutions are that they should not be entirely funded by Government. They could be Government aided or otherwise. The Institutions should have been working in the field of child welfare for some years and should have, a record of best performance in that field. The branches of Institutions working independently will also qualify for selection for the awards.

The selection was made solely on the basis of quality of performance and the number of children served by the Institutions.

(e) and (f) For the year 1996 no award has been given to Individual or Institution of Assam. For the year, 1996 no recommendations for the Awards were received from the Government of Assam.

Every year all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations including the Government of Assam are addressed and instructed to recommend names of suitable Individuals/Institutions for consideration for the National Awards for Child Welfare.