

extended to 4426 Blocks and 5.57 crore children during 1996-97. However, the Budget estimates for Mid-day Meal Scheme had to be reduced from Rs. 1400 to Rs. 800 crores due to non-availability of updated enrolment figures from States/UTs and other operational difficulties mainly relating to distribution of foodgrains to children on a massive scale. The revised allocation was fully utilised. Initial reports received from State Governments/UTs indicate that the scheme has had a favourable impact on the enrolment of children in primary classes.

**Promotion of Sports in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra**

3751. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to construct/develop sports stadia with synthetic track in and around Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra to promote sports in the Vidarbha region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN): (a) and (b) Based on the proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra seeking Central assistance under the scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure for construction/development of Sports Stadia in Nagpur, the Department has approved grant of financial assistance for construction of seven stadia enclosed Statement. (*See below*) The details of these are given in the Annexure. No proposal for laying of Synthetic track in any of the above stadia or elsewhere in Nagpur has been received in the Department.

**Statement**

**Promotion of Sports in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra**

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1.	Indoor Stadium at Nagpur by Nagpur Yuvak Sikshan Sansthan, Nagpur.
2.	Multipurpose gymnasium hall at Nagpur by Kishanuji Bhisikar Akhada, Nagpur.
3.	Multipurpose gymnasium hall at Ward No. 66 Nagpur by Rao Sahib Akhada, Nagpur.
4.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 49, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
5.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 55, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
6.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 57, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
7.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 62, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.

**Youth Hostels in Maharashtra**

3752. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth hostels functioning in Maharashtra as on date with the details of their locations;

(b) the details of the facilities available in these hostels and the funds being made available to these hostels by Government;

(c) whether Government propose to construct youth hostels in Nagpur and other parts of Vidarbha region in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN):(a) one Youth Hostel at Aurangabad has been functioning in Maharashtra since January, 1976.

(b) Youth Hostels provide economical, clean, comfortable and safe accommodation for youth travellers. Construction of Youth Hostel has been conceived as a Joint venture between the Central and the State Government. While the Central Government bears the cost of construction, the State Government provides fully developed land free of cost with water, electricity, approach roads, staff quarters and other amenities.

(c) and (d) The Department has sanctioned two more Youth Hostels in Maharashtra at Buldana and Navegaonkand. The State Government has not sent any formal proposal with commitment to provide fully-developed land free of cost with water, electricity, approach road etc. for the construction of Youth Hostels in Nagpur and other parts of Vidarbha region.

#### Conference in Igrou on Management Education

3753. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organised a National Conference recently on networking for management education in New Delhi;

(b) the number of representatives with their respective institutions who attended the conference;

(c) whether the conference considered resource sharing and networking of resources for overall effectiveness of management education in the country; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):(a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), a National Conference on Networking for Management Education was organised by the School of Management Studies, IGNOU on 10-11 April, 1997 in New Delhi. Altogether 182 participants belonging to 175 different institutions attended to Conference. The participants deliberated upon exploring the possibilities and identifying strategies for networking of resources towards improving the quality of management education in the country. The idea of networking of resources with IGNOU evoked encouraging response from the participants.

**सबके लिए शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को विश्व बैंक की सहायता**

3754. श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को सबके लिए शिक्षा के उद्देश्य के लिए विश्व बैंक की सहायता संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार से प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौर क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त परियोजना विश्व बैंक को प्रेषित की गयी है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ङ) इस परियोजना को शीघ्रतः निपटाने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम साँकिया) :**

(क) जी, हां।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार "उत्तर प्रदेश सभी के लिए बुनियादी शिक्षा परियोजना" के तहत पहले से ही विश्व बैंक सहायता प्राप्त कर रही है। परियोजना की कुल लागत 728.7 करोड़ रु० है जिसमें से आई० डी० ए० 165 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर के समतुल्य क्रेडिट प्रदान करेगा जो परियोजना लागत का 87% है तथा शेष लागत