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**Irregularities in Selection of Teachers**

3881. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a news-item captioned "Adhyapakon ki chayan prakriya mein dhandhli ka aarop", which appeared in the Nav Bharat Times (New Delhi-late edition) of 24th February, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

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

(b) As per the laid down procedure a candidate is selected on the basis of the final performance as reflected in the total marks obtained in written test and interview. If a candidate qualifies for selection on the basis of the written marks alone, he/she has to be given appointment even if he/she does not appear in the interview.

Testimonials have been called for from some of the selected candidates for verification before issue of offer of appointment. These testimonials were in no way relevant for the selection process, as the selection was done on the basis of marks obtained. These testimonials were called to verify the eligibility conditions and other details, before the final appointment offer was made.

The other allegations levelled in the news items are frivolous and baseless.