

**Posting of Surplus Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas**

4534. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the teachers category-wise, posted in different Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1991—96, wherein their vacancies/posts did not exist at the time of posting and also who were posted against zero vacancies;

(b) the details of norms that govern reposting of these surplus teachers;

(c) whether all such surplus teachers have since been reposted against their vacancies; and

(d) if not, the category-wise details of such teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**All round development of Auroville**

4535. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the progress made in regard to the all-round development of Auroville and surrounding villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): The Auroville Township was founded by the Voter of Sri Aurobindo Ashram (Pondicherry) in 1968. Auroville symbolises the creation of a city dedicated to peace and human unity. Today Auroville is an expanding community of about 1200 people, from India and from 23 countries around the world. Located in a backward rural area of the Villupuram Ramaswamy Padayatchiar District of Tamil Nadu,

South India, Auroville is surrounded by 13 villages with a total population of approximately 30,000 people.

Auroville presently has around 2,500 acres of land. Most of this land was barren unirrigated and uncultivable. Since its founding, Auroville has concentrated on transforming the eroded land into lush green forests. Over two million trees have been planted to provide the green cover and to restore the land. Auroville has been evolving gradually without disrupting the lives of the population in the surrounding villages.

Auroville was taken by the Central Government in 1980, through the Auroville (Emergency Provision) Act, 1980, following a dispute between resident Aurovilians and the original project holder, Sri Aurobindo Society. The Central Government constituted the Auroville Foundation through the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988, for making long term arrangements for the growth of Auroville in accordance with the original Charter.

Auroville has participated and actively supported, the development of its neighbouring villages. There are women's club, farmers club, youth and elder's clubs and night school in 32 villages. More than 400 children from neighbouring villages attend Auroville schools through some regular as well as the night schools organised under Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research (SAIIER) and village action Group. About 200 Patients per day are treated for health care from the neighbouring villages. Auroville has also continuing programmes for eye and dental care in particular to other to the population in the surrounding villages.

Auroville village Action Group has a

wide of programmes for the neighbouring villages which include:-

1. Training in organic Farming for local farmers and Set up Organic food growers Co-operative.
2. Training for youth in modern educational methods, and for self employment.
3. Women's development and child care,
4. Health education for children and preventive health care.
5. Organisation of Social and Cultural activities by setting up youth and women's clubs.

Some of the important projects of Auroville are as follows:-

- (a) *THE MATRMANDIR*: Considered to be the soul of Auroville, the Matrimandir is gradually evolving into a beautiful structure.
- (b) *AUROVILLE FUND*: Provides channel for general grants and donations from India and abroad.
- (c) *CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH*: The Centre carried out work in different areas like solar energy promotion, sustainable future, upgradation of Auroville Visitors Centre, health, vermiculture research and earth construction technology and various other research projects.
- (d) *AUROMITRA*: Particularly focuses on integrated rural development in Auroville by promoting sustainable ecological land use methods.
- (e) *BUSINESS TRUSTS*: There are over 60 commercial units, operated by Auroville at present. Their activities are diverse and include handicrafts, printing and graphic design, food processing, electronics, engineering, computer hardware and software, windmill and hydroplane production, construction and architectural services.

### **Beginning of M.SC (Physics) course in South Campus of Delhi University**

4536. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University is not offering course in M.Sc (Physics) in its South Campus, thereby causing great hardship to students;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider beginning the said course from the current (1997-98) academic session;

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The University of Delhi is of the view that having regard to the paramount need of maintaining standards, especially at the post-graduate level, starting of MSc, (Physics) course- in the South Campus of the University has not been found to be advisable.

### **Revamping of KVS and Navodaya Vidyalayas**

4537. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals for major revamp of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Organisation keeping in view the operational