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(b) what has been the percentage of resource allocation during 2000-2001; and

(c) when would Government raise this allocation to the promised six per cent of GDP?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) Public expenditure on education as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 has been 3.49%, 3.86% and 3.94% respectively.

(b) The percentage of budgetary allocation to education during 2000-2001 (revenue account) has been 4.56 for the Centre and 22.17 for the States/UTs.

(c) The National Policy on Education recommends gradual increase in investment on education to reach a level of 6% of national income as early as possible. However, it has not been possible so far to provide allocation upto this level due to competing priorities and overall resource constraints.

#### **Review of Total Literacy Programme**

3879. **SHRI KHAGEN DAS:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review has been undertaken to find out the achievements and weaknesses of the total literacy programme; and

(b) whether Government are considering a new approach to this programme?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) Literacy programme are reviewed periodically.

(b) After review, a new approach has been adopted since 1st April, 2000, with the following features to ensure effective implementation of literacy programmes:

- (i) National Literacy Mission (NLM) parameters have been revised and financial norms enhanced.

- (ii) Decentralization and delegation of financial and administrative powers to State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs).
- (iii) The Integrated Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) and Post Literacy Programmes (PLP) approach to achieve continuity, efficiency and convergence.
- (iv) Under Continuing Education Programme neo literates are provided opportunities for skill development, income generating programmes and individual interest promotion programmes. Centres also work for removal of residual illiteracy.
- (v) Jan Shikshan Sansthan to provide vocational and technical skills in both rural and urban areas.

**Grants-in-Aid to Universities and Colleges**

3880. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN:

PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants-in-aid extended by Government to colleges and universities during the last three years, till date, year-wise and university-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to find out as to how those funds are utilised;

(c) whether Government have taken any stringent measures to streamline judicious use of grants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.