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(b) For the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, a total number of 321 proposals were received for opening up of engineering colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh. AICTE granted approval for opening up of two engineering colleges in the State for the year 2000-01. For the year 2001-02, Letter of Viability has so far been issued in respect of 29 proposals.

(c) Deficiencies/shortcomings noticed in the proposals were communicated to the applicants. Only on receipt of compliance and further examination, final decision can be communicated.

Schemes for non-formal education

†3899. SHRI VIKRAM VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-formal education scheme is a Central Government scheme and whether Government provide hundred per cent grant to States for the same;

(b) if so, the amount provided to Madhya Pradesh during the 2000-2001 financial year;

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has made amendments in the scheme on its own and instructors and supervisors, who receive grants, have been withdrawn; and

(d) if so, under which head and with whose permission the amount of grant was spent?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The erstwhile Scheme of Non-formal Education was a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which Central assistance was provided to States/UTs in the ratio of 60:40 for co-educational centres and 90:10 for girl centres; and 100% assistance to Voluntary Agencies within the overall cost ceilings. An amount of Rs. 1049.63 lakhs was provided to Madhya Pradesh Government under State sector during 2000-2001 for the period April-August, 2000 during which the state Government has run Non-formal Education Centres.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The scheme of Non-formal Education has been restructured by the Central Government and now called 'Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education'.

Computer studies in schools of NER

3900. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for computer literacy and studies for schools in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the total amount of funds released, so far, for this scheme, to each State of North-Eastern Region; and

(c) by when all schools are likely to be covered under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The scheme of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) was introduced as a Pilot Project during the year 1984-85 in the wake of the British Aid of BBC Micro Computer. The project was subsequently adopted as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during VIII Plan and financial assistance provided to States/UTs for Hardware and engagement of selected agencies for maintaining the project. The scheme has been discontinued from 1997-98.

(b) The total amount of funds released, so far, under the CLASS Scheme to the States of North-Eastern Region is given below:

1. Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 42,17,000/-
2. Assam	Rs. 2,34,50,000/-
3. Manipur	Rs. 50,53,000/-
4. Mizoram	Rs. 47,44,000/-
5. Nagaland	Rs. 59,99,840/-
6. Tripura	*Rs. 1,21,75,340/-