

(b) whether Nehru Planetarium is a private organisation on Government land?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nehru Planetarium was constructed by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund. The land use for its construction has been approved on long term lease and licence basis for a period of 20 years from March, 1982.

सांस्कृतिक विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए केन्द्रीय निधि

2953. श्री राम जेटमलानी: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश में सांस्कृतिक विकास की गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय निधि स्थापित करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उपरोक्त निधि में से वित्तीय सहायता का वितरण करने के लिए दिशा-निर्देश बनाए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री एस. आर. बोम्माई): (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार ने दिनांक 28.11.96 के भारत के राजपत्र असाधारण में प्रकाशित अधिसूचना के तहत राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि की स्थापना की है। इस अधिसूचना की प्रतियां संसद पुस्तकालय में पहले से ही उपलब्ध हैं।

(ग) और (घ) अधिसूचना, जिसके अनुसार राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि की स्थापना की गयी है, में राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति निधि से वित्तीय सहायता या ऋण प्राप्त करने की बाबत आवेदनों पर विचार करने संबंधी तंत्र को मौटे तौर पर दर्शाया गया है।

Budget provision for mid-day meal scheme

2954. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budget provision for the mid-day meal scheme for school children for the year 1996-97;

(b) the amount earmarked for Uttar Pradesh and actually made available to it during the year 1996-97;

(c) by when the remaining fund is likely to be provided;

(d) whether providing of the fund under the scheme was an incentive to the parents in order to help reduce the dropout rate of children from the schools; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) A budget provision of Rs. 800 crore has been made for 1996-97 for the Scheme of National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE), commonly known as Mid-day Meal Scheme.

(b) and (c) Under this programme Food Corporation of India (FCI) supplies foodgrains to States and Union Territories free of cost and is reimbursed by this Department from the budget provisions.

According to the information furnished by the FCI, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has lifted 2,22,165 metric tonnes of foodgrains upto February, 1997, out of a total allocation of 2,97,289 metric tonnes for 1996-97.

(d) and (e) The programme is intended to give a boost to universalisation of primary education by increasing enrolment, retention and attendance and simultaneously impacting upon nutrition of students in primary classes.

Reports received from the State Government reveal a favourable impact on enrolment and attendance of children in primary classes in Uttar Pradesh.

Funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh under NLM

2955. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Literacy Mission (NLM) project with its office location;

(b) the fund allocation to the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) the criteria of granting the fund to States;

(d) whether the fund allocated to Uttar Pradesh has been utilised.

(e) if so, the names of the districts, alongwith literacy mission programmes held and details of fund incurred in each of the district, as well as programmes in Uttar Pradesh; and

(f) the details of the amount to be sanctioned during the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) National

Literacy Mission is one of the Five Technology Missions which is mandated to impart functional literacy to 100 million non-literates in 15-35 age group by 1999. NLM is an integral part of Ministry of Human Resource development, Department of Education located in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Under the Total Literacy Campaigns funds are not allotted to States. Funds are released directly to the Zila Saksharata Samitis (ZSSs), registered societies at the District Level.

The project for literacy campaigns as submitted by ZSSs and recommended by the State Government are aproved by the Project Approval Committee of National Literacy Mission. The Expenditure on the Campaign is shared by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 2:1. In Tribal districts the corresponding cost sharing ratio is 4:1.

(d) and (e) The names of the districts alongwith the amounts sanctioned in 1995-96 and 1996-97 is given in the enclosed Statement (See below). The sanctioned funds are being utilised by the Zila Saksharata Samitis for implementation of literacy campaigns which are in various stages of progress.

(f) No prior State-wise allocations are made under the scheme of Total Literacy Campaigns.

Statement

Funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh

(Amount Sanctioned in Rs.)

S.No. District (ZSS)	1995-96	1996-97
1. Allahabad	20,00,000	
2. Rampur	1,00,00,000	
3. Muzafarnagar	50,00,000	
4. Ferozabad	25,00,000	
5. Meerut	25,00,000	
6. Allahabad	3,32,00,000	
7. Sitapur	2,16,00,000	
8. Padrauna	71,58,000	