

retired employees living near their Vidyalayas about the pension Adalat.

There is no question of making payment of TA/DA to the petitioner who attended the Pension Adalat. This was also made clear in the advertisement issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The retired persons come to these Adalats as petitioners for setting pending matters, they are not called on official duty.

Open Basic Education Programme

573. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry are ready to implement a specially designed Open Basic Education Programme as reported in the 'Times of India', New Delhi, dated 16th November, 1995;

(b) if so, the objectives of the OBE project and the number of States likely to be covered; indicating curriculum laid down for the above Programmes and funds likely to be provided for the same during the year 1995-96 by the Central as well as concerned State Governments; and

(c) whether any special meeting on 15th November, 1995 was called by the Minister with C.Ms of States in New Delhi for an overview of the total literacy campaigns and if so, with what results.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) and (b) A proposal to implement a project called 'Open Basic Education' has been received from National Open School (NOS). The objective is to provide educational opportunities to the neo-literates from Adult Education Programmes and early school drop-outs. The Operational details have not been finalised so far.

(c) Yes. The Minister of Human

Resource Development held discussions with the Chief Ministers of six States on various issues including over-view of total literacy campaign. The meeting was held in New Delhi on 16.11.95. The objective of the meeting was to accelerate the literacy programme in these States. The success of literacy programme in the country hinges on its success in these 6 large States viz. U.P., M.P., Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Rajasthan.

During the meeting it was decided to draw-up a time-bound action plan for 'total literacy campaign' coverage of uncovered districts, increase motivation to volunteers, establish strong linkages between literacy campaigns and Panchayati Raj Institutions as well as between the literacy programme and other developmental programmes such as Pulse Polio Immunisation and other health programmes, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana etc. It was also decided to decentralise and delegate authority to the State Governments for implementation of literacy programmes. The Directorate of Adult Education under the Ministry is also proposed to be strengthened, so as to effectively monitor the programme.

Havoc caused by floods

574. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether floods had created havoc in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the areas in which the flood fury was the most and the action taken by Government to give relief to the people;

(c) whether the losses suffered by the people and the farmers has been assessed and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount of relief given to the individuals and the farmers;

(e) whether laxity has been shown by Government of Haryana in pumping out the flood water from Rohtak city; and