Grants to States for promotion of Urdu

2672. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of the promotion of Urdu language (State-wise);
 - (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the details of Central Assistance given to these States during the period 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1994-95 (Statewise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) No Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Central Government does not give any assistance to the States for Promotion of Urdu The Central

Government's Schemes for promotion of Urdu are implemented through voluntary organisations.

Maintenance of Monuments in North East

2673 SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESQURE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of historical monuments in the north east (State-wise) maintained by the Archaological Survey of India:
- (b) the allocation of funds made available for the maintenance and upkeep of these monuments during the last two years; and
- (c) the steps being taken to provide necessary facilities at these monuments to make them < attractive tourist centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT

OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The list is given in the Statement (see below)

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(b) During the last two years the allocation of funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the monuments was as under:

Year	Plan	Non-Plan
		(Rs.)
1993-94	15,00,000	9,00,000
1994-95	18,00,000	8,00,000

(c) The creation of the infrastructure facilities from the tourist point of view is the responsibility of the Tourism Deptt. of the State Govt, concerned. Archaeo logical Survey of India looks after the maintenance and preservation of the monuments.

Statement

Number of the monuments in the north east state-wise

Name of State	Number of Monuments
1. Arunachal Pradesh	5
2. Assam	64
3. Manipur	1
4. Meghalaya	8
5. Nagaland	4
6. Tripura	5

Recoverable deposits from Rajhara Iron Ore mines

2674 SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated recoverable deposits from Rajhara Iron Ore mine for use in Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP);
- '(b) the estimated period till the mine can be used for BSP; and
- (c) the time-bound schedule for linking alternative source of iron ore to BSP?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b)

Though, the estimated mineable iron ore reserves in Rajhara Mines as on 1.4.1995 are 45.57 MT, however, the increasingly difficult mining conditions may inhibit full exploitation of these available mining reserves. Presently the iron ore requirement of Bhilai Steel Plant is met' from Dalli-Rajhara group of mines.

(c) The mining lease proposal of SAIL for Rowghat had been approved in May subject to Forestry Environmental clearance.

Promotion of Konkani and Manipuri Language

2675 SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT pleased to state the steps taken by Government for the promotion, preservation and development of Konkani and Manipuri languages after their inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution in 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): Under a scheme for publication and purchase of books, in Indian languages included in the VIIIth Schedule and in English, financial assistance is being provided to individuals and voluntary organisations: The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore (a subordinate office under the Department of Education) has also undertaken certain activities for the promotion development of Konkani and Manipuri languages. These include preparation of a pictorial glossary in Konkani and conducting Manipuri languages, workshops to promote use of Konkani and publication of Nursery rhymes in Manipuri.