

(b) The Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan has reported that the rules of the Sangathan do not provide for representation of the employees on the Board of Governors.

Dumping of Toxic Wastes by Swedish Companies

2576. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swedish Companies are being investigated for allegedly dumping toxic industrial wastes in India;

(b) if so, how many companies are involved and what steps are being taken by Government to stop this nuisance;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Swedish authorities refused to identify the companies involved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and what is being done by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD MISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Survey regarding Primary Schools

2577. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any country-wise survey to find out the number of rural and backward areas where there are no primary schools and the distance the children of the areas have to cover for attending the school;

(b) whether Government propose to provide schools in those areas on priority basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to provide some aid to the families living below the poverty line for spread of education in such areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir. All India Educational Surveys are conducted periodically by States under the aegis of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to assess the availability of existing schooling facilities at different stages of education. The 6th All India Survey, which has been conducted recently, has ascertained the number of rural habitations without primary schools and the distance-wise availability of primary schools.

(b) and (c) According to available information, 94% of the country's rural population has access to a primary school within one km. of walking distance. The responsibility for establishing primary schools in the unserved and under-served areas lies with the respective State Government which have evolved their own norms for this purpose in accordance with broad national guidelines.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Ministry.

(e) Does not arise.

Steps for encouragement of Sports

2578. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the plans to improve India's persistently dismal Olympic performance in the field of sports;

(b) whether it is a fact that schools do not have the necessary teachers and proper training facilities for sports in the country;