

(b) if so, the date of adoption, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (S) had furnished the informations and documents essential for consideration and decision on the applications for grant of recognition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, justification of extending facilities to RKVAS (S) despite its failure to fulfil the mandatory requirements for grant of recognition ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that it is yet to adopt the Central Civil Service (Representation of Service Association) Rules 1993.

(c) and (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that the eligibility for continuing the recognition of the existing Associations will be considered based on the above Rules which are proposed to be adopted.

Cost of construction of School Buildings

1596. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comparative study has been made about the cost of construction of school buildings by NBCC and also by private contractor and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government propose to entrust the construction work to private builders in view of the low cost, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No such comparative study has been made under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of Ministry of Human Resource Development to entrust the construction of school buildings to private builders.

Project to give a Boost to Industrial Research

1597. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is planning a project to give a major boost to industrial research and development for business houses in India and abroad;

(b) whether the Institute has developed a novel concept in the field of research and development by starting the Society for Innovation and Development;

(c) the nature of projects to be undertaken by the Institute and its funding by industrial houses; and

(d) how far this Society will impinge on the functioning of the Centre for Scientific and Industrial Consultancy at the above Institute already involved in industrial consultancy since 1975 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The projects contemplated to be undertaken by the Society for Innovation and Development (SID) will be in the areas like Telecommunication, Manufacturing Processes, Food Processing, Software Engineering and Drug Design etc. These projects will be undertaken with the participation of industry, funding agencies and the Institute. The projects handled by the Centre for Scientific and Industrial Consultancy (CSIC) are small and medium projects directly under the Institute and hence the functions of the CSIC and SID will complement each other.

Setting up of Science Museum at Pondicherry

1598. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some move is undergoing to set up a Science Museum in the Union territory of Pondicherry to help the children to develop scientific skills, if so the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of funding to be made by the Central Government for this Museum;

(c) what shall be the main features of this Museum;

(d) whether Government propose to set up a similar Museum in Hyderabad also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A sub-regional level Science Centre has been mooted at a meeting of the Hon'ble Minister of Education of Government of Pondicherry and the officials of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Calcutta. As per the extant policy the State Government has to provide five acres of land free of charge and also meet 50 per cent of the cost of developmental expenditure. The rest of 50 percent of the development expenditure and the recurring expenditure for day to day running of the Centre after setting up will be borne by the National Council of Science Museums.

(c) The proposed Centre will be a sub-regional Science Centre with all the stand and features of science centre with a Science Park.

(d) and (e) No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Prices of Aluminium in the International Market

1599. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing acute shortage of aluminium as the prices of aluminium in the International market are very high and the indigenous secondary manufacturers are not able to import the same by paying 10 per cent customs duty because of heavy price difference and the secondary manufacturers are demanding total abolition of import duty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the primary manufactures viz. BALCO and NALCO are exporting a sizeable quantity of their products, i.e. aluminium and semis as the prices of aluminium in the International market are very high; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking for making aluminium metal available to secondary to manufacturers in sufficient quantity at competitive prices and why is Government allowing export of aluminium metal and its products from indigenous production at the cost of supply to local consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (c) Total production of primary aluminium and export of aluminium and its secondary products by the two public sector producers of aluminium namely, National Aluminium Co. Ltd. (NALCO) and Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO), since 1991-92 is given below :—

(Unit : Tonnes)

Production	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95*
NALCO	1,92,022	1,91,069	1,94,332	96,008
BALCO	92,011	91,047	91,805	52,728
Exports				
NALCO	61,117	85,771	60,037	33,985
BALCO	273	170	28	

*Provisional (April—October, 1994).