

Statement

*Construction of Stadia in Maharashtra
And Gujarat*

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Projects sanctioned
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Assam	1
3	Bihar	1
4	Haryana	1
5	Himachal Pradesh	1
6	Jammu & Kashmir	1
7	Karnataka	1
8	Kerala	1
9	Madhya Pradesh	1
10	Maharashtra	1
11	Orissa	1
12	Punjab	1
13	Tamilnadu	2
14	Uttar Pradesh	1
15	West Bengal	1
TOTAL :		16

Panel for Literacy Programme

161. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formed a panel of 100 consultants to guide the total literacy programme ;

(b) if so, whether this panel has been asked to monitor the literacy programme which has been covered in 345 districts ;

(c) if so, whether there is a proposal under this programme to impart functional literacy to adult illiterates in the age-group of 15—35 years ;

(d) whether this programme is proposed to be completed by 1995 ; and

(e) if so, what is the total number of persons likely to be covered under the proposed scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE)

(KUMARI SELJI) : (a) and (b) The Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) is the principal strategy adopted for implementing literacy programme. Since the TLC is based upon a mass mobilisation approach in the campaign mode to involve all sections of the society to do voluntary work and to achieve total literacy in the given age-group within a specified time-frame, the NLM has also tried to seek an honorary resource support for TLCs in the form of literacy consultants. A panel of more than 100 literacy consultants has been identified from amongst the officials who had actually implemented the TLCs, academicians, media persons, social activists, thinkers and scholars, artistes and civil servants.

Their role would, vary depending upon the phase of implementation of the project in a given district.

(c) to (e) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) has the objective of providing functional literacy to 80 million citizens in the age-group of 15—35 covering 345 districts by the year 1995. It is proposed to cover 100 million persons through this scheme by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

As of November 1993, TLCs have been approved covering 240 districts either fully or partially, throughout the country.

Maintenance of Central Universities and Deemed Institutions

162. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the high level Committee of the UGC headed by Mr. Justice Pannayya has opposed any reduction in Government's role in the maintenance of the Central Universities and deemed institutions in his report submitted to the U.G.C. ;

(c) whether the UGC has accepted the Committee's Report ; if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee ; and

(d) the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, the High-Powered Committee appointed by the UGC under the Chairmanship of Justice K. Punnayya to examine the present financial situation in regard to Central Universities, Deemed Universities, Delhi Colleges and technical institutions funded by the Government of India and to make recommendations about their financial needs has not submitted its report to the Commission as yet.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

National Steering Committee on Text Books

163. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to elevate the status of the existing National Steering Committee on text-book evaluation to that of a National Commission vesting it with certain statutory powers to guard against the distortion of school text-books by State Governments on communal lines; and

(b) if so, when the National Commission is expected to be set up and what would be the composition of the Commission?

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

(b) The process of setting up of the National Commission requires a number of procedural steps including consultations with the concerned Ministries of Government of India. As such, it is not possible to give a time limit for establishment of the Commission and its exact composition.

Scheme for Promoting Youth Activities in Tamil Nadu

164. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special scheme for promoting youth activities in the backward and rural areas in the country had been started; and

(b) if so, what is the amount spent on youth activities in backward and rural areas of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

A new scheme by the name of Special scheme for Promotion of youth activities among the youth of Backward Tribes was started in the year 1990-91 with a budget estimates of Rs. 1.00 crore.

(b) A sum of Rs. 4.10 lakh was spent by way of grants by the Govt. in Tamil Nadu since 1990-91 on the youth activities among backward tribes.

National Nutrition Policy

165. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the National Nutrition Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?