

(e) whether the NMML also shares the extra cost of fellowship from its own budget which is not covered by the income from the endowment; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) The Executive Council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society had approved the proposal for accepting a sum of Rs. 1 lakh from Shri Asoka K. Dutta, to set up an endowment in the memory of his son, Dr. Srikant Dutt.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It was decided to make the Srikant Dutt Fellowship equal, in its emoluments to the Junior Fellowship (the lowest Fellowship) offered by the Nehru Memorial and Museum Library.

**Drawbacks in the working of the ICSSR**

4527. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: With the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the basic objective in setting up the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR);

(b) whether the Council has been able to achieve the objective;

(c) if not, what according to the analysis, if any, are the drawbacks in the working of the ICSSR resulting in its failure to promote the ideals for which it was set up; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to remove the ills in the ICSSR?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND (DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Indian Council of Social Science Research has been set up primarily for coordination and promotion of social science research in the country. Its objectives are:

(i) To review the progress of social science research and to give advice to its users in Government or outside.

(ii) To sponsor social science research programmes as well as research projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research in social sciences and to give financial support to learned associations, standard journals and institutions of organisations engaged in the conduct of sponsoring of social science research.

(iii) To provide technical assistance for the formulation of social science research programmes and designing of research projects by individuals or institutions and to organise and support institutional arrangements for training in research methodology.

(iv) To indicate periodically areas and topics on which social science research is to be promoted and to adopt special measures for the development of research in neglected or new areas.

(v) To coordinate research activities in the field of social science and to encourage programmes of inter-disciplinary research.

(vi) To develop and support centres for documentation service, maintenance and supply of data, inventory of current social science research and preparation of a national register of social scientists.

(vii) To organise, sponsor and finance seminars, workshops, study circles, working group/parties and conferences for promoting research or utilisation of social science research.

(viii) To give grants for publication of social science research work and to undertake publication of digests/periodicals and journals devoted to such research.

(ix) To institute and administer scholarships, fellowships and awards for social science research by students, teachers and other research workers in India or outside, and in particular to award senior fellowships for research in social science that will enable workers in universities to complete their research work for publications or undertake wholetime research for a definite period on topics in which they are specially interested and for doing research on which they are specially qualified.

(x) to advise the Government of India on all such matters pertaining to social science research as may be

referred to it from time to time, including collaborative arrangements in social science research with foreign agencies.

(xi) To undertake on any agency basis, such other functions as may be entrusted to it by Government under terms and conditions which may be mutually agreed upon.

(xii) Generally to take all such measures as may be found necessary from time to time to promote social science research and its utilisation in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir. The functioning of the Council has generally been satisfactory. Its achievements have been reported in the Annual Reports laid on the Table of the Parliament. The main programmes and achievements as intimated by ICSSR are as under:—

Name of Programme	Achievement since 1969
Research projects	2164
Fellowship (National, Senior Post Doctoral/General, foundation Day and and Short Term)	2213
<b>Publications</b>	
(i) Research Reports and Ph. D. thesis	524
(ii) Volumes of 7 ICSSR Abstracts Journals and New letters and Indian Journal of Social Science	182
(iii) Other Publications	118
NASSDOC Research Information Series-series	111
Training and Methodology Courses	158

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### Teachers-student ratio in Delhi

4528. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing teacher-student ratio in respect of the primary education in Delhi as against the prescribed or acceptable ratio;

(b) what is the estimate shortfall of trained teachers during the coming three years; and

(c) the manner in which government propose to bridge the growing gap of primary teacher-student ratio in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE)