

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The recent transfers in KVS has been done in view of a broader policy to accommodate the requests of teachers who have been at a place for long time. The policy has evoked a mixed response. Teachers who have two years of service have been exempted. Since the transfers have not taken into consideration the age of a teacher otherwise, the data in respect of such teachers is not maintained.

Central Schools

†2804. **SHRI VIKRAM VERMA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in the country where Central Schools have not been opened so far, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the details of action being taken for opening Central Schools in those district headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas are not opened district-wise. The main objective of the Kendriya Vidyalayas is primarily to cater to the educational needs of the children of the transferable Central Government employees including Defence and Paramilitary personnel by providing a common programme of education. The Vidyalayas are opened at places which have concentration of adequate number of such Central Government employees and where availability of infrastructural facilities, as per norms of Sangathan, are assured by the sponsoring authority.

Swayamsiddha and Swadhar Schemes for Women's Welfare

2805. **SHRI R. P. GOENKA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more schemes named Swayamsiddha and Swadhar have been announced recently for women's welfare and empowerment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Swayamsiddha is only a renamed version of the existing schemes called Indira Mahila Yojana and the Mahila Samridhi Yojana; and

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