

—Opening of Schools, Non-Formal Education Centres, Adult Education Centres in areas of concentration of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

—Provision of incentives like free-ships, scholarships, free uniforms, mid-day meals etc.

—Central assistance to States for construction of hostel and Ashram schools for SC/ST students.

—Reservation of seats in educational institutions.

—Remedial and special coaching to improve the merit of SC/ST students and to enable them to compete in competitive examinations.

बिहार में आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता

1442. श्री गया सिंह : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में आंगनवाड़ी कार्यक्रम के अधीन कितने लोगों को नियोजित किया गया है ;

(ख) इन आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं में महिलाओं एवं पुरुषों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ; और

(ग) कितने कार्यकर्ता प्रशिक्षित हैं और कितने अप्रशिक्षित हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला तथा बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वासुदेव राजेश्वरी) :
(क) 31-12-1992 की स्थिति अनुसार, बिहार में आई. सी. डी. एस. कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन कार्य में 183 बाल विकास परियोजना अधिकारी/सहायक बाल विकास परियोजना अधिकारी, 873 सुपरवाइजर, 20138 आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता और 20138 सहायिकाएँ कार्यरत हैं ।

(ख) सभी 20138 कार्यकर्ता महिला आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता हैं ।

(ग) सितम्बर, 1992 की स्थिति अनुसार, बिहार में 13239 प्रशिक्षित और 6899 अप्रशिक्षित आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता हैं ।

Failure of Vocation Courses

1443. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Time' dated 15th February, 1993 captioned 'Vocational courses a failure';

(b) if so, when the vocational courses were introduced and whether the achievements made in this regard are commensurate to the investments, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce 'REALISTIC' vocational courses from the academic year 1993-

94, if so, the details thereof and funds likely to be allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission does not prescribe any courses of study in the universities. Such courses are prescribed by the universities themselves. UGC, however, provides financial assistance to eligible universities, in accordance with the prescribed norms, for restructuring of undergraduate courses in Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences to link them with work field practical experience and productivity. The Commission also provides assistance for introduction of courses in Computer Science; electronics; Home Science; Management and Mass-Media Communication which equip the students with vocational skills.

UGC has appointed an Export Committee to identify vocational courses