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

—Provision of incentives like freeships, 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 आंगनबाड़ी कार्यकर्ता

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

- (क) बिहार में थ्रांगनबाड़ी कार्यक्रम के ग्रधीन कितने लोगों को नियोजित किया गया है ;
- (ख) इन स्रांगनबाड़ी कार्यकर्तास्रों में महिलास्रों एवं पुरुषों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है; स्रौर
- (ग) कितने कार्यकर्ता प्रशिक्षित हैं ग्रीर कितने ग्रप्रशिक्षित हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला तथा बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती बासव राजेश्वरी): (क) 31–12–1992 की स्थिति ग्रन्सार. बिहार में ग्राई. सी. डी. एस. कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन कार्य में 183 बाल विकास परियोजना श्रधिकारी/सहायक बाल विकास परियोजना श्रधिकारी, 873 सुपरवाइजर, 20138 ग्रांगनवर्ड़ी कार्यकर्ता ग्रौर 20138 सहायिकारों कार्यरत हैं।

(ख) सभी 20138 कार्यकर्ता महिला ग्रांगनबाड़ी कार्यकर्ता हैं। (ग) सितम्बर, 1992 की स्थिति अनुसार, बिहार में 13239 प्रशिक्षित और 6899 अप्रशिक्षित श्रांगनबाड़ी कार्यकर्ता हैं।

Failure of Vocation Courses

- 1443. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem 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 RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHR! ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

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

UGC has appointed an Export Committee to identify vocational courses