

the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), 250 schools with the name 'Composite Model Schools' have been established in the Union Territory of Delhi only and in no other State or Union Territory of the Country. These schools owned and maintained by Delhi Administration are not funded by the Government of India. While the other schools run by Delhi Administration are from class VI onwards, the 'Composite Model Schools' start from Pre-primary/Primary Stage onwards. Extra funds are sanctioned by Delhi Administration to the 'Composite Model Schools' for purchase of swings and other articles for use of little children. The Administration have also sanctioned one post of Hobby Teacher and one post of Ayah in these schools.

Rush for English Books at 11th World Book Fair

3371. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the 11th World Book Fair held recently in the capital stalls of books in English drew big crowds as compared to stalls of regional languages ;

(b) whether Government have enquired into this ;

(c) if so, the results thereof ;

(d) whether Government propose to promote the printing of books on topical subjects in regional languages ; and

(e) if so, when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The Notional Book Trust has intimated that at the New Delhi World Book Fair, the stalls of books in English attracted larger crowds compared to other stalls.

(b) to (e) Government are aware of the need to encourage publishing in Indian

languages and the NBT has taken several steps in this regard.

Extinction of Puppetry

3372. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that puppetry is on the verge of extinction in the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that puppeteers are illiterate and face a bleak future ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to review this old art of entertainment and also to improve the lot of these people ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARRI SELJA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Change in Examination System in Universities

3373. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of commissions have suggested change in the examination system in the Universities in the country ;

(b) whether Government have accepted the suggestions and if so, when it is likely to be implemented ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, several Commissions and Committees have given suggestions regarding change in the examination system. Based on these suggestions, the UGC has advised the universities to implement certain specific