

SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the malnourished children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the welfare of these children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) : (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI) : (a) and (b) The recent survey undertaken by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) shows that the prevalence of malnutrition among children (1-5 years) is as under :

(i) Severely malnourished 8.7% (wt. less than 60% of standard weight).

(ii) Moderate 43.8% (wt. 60%-75% of standard: weight).

(iii) Mild 57.6% (wt. 75%-90% of standard weight).

(c) The Government has taken various steps for raising the nutritional status of Children. Some of the major interventions are the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDIS) Scheme, Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP) and the scheme of Creches. The Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme has been launched with a view to reduce infant mortality rate and improve the nutritional status of infants. In addition, Prophylaxis Programme against nutritional anaemia and vitamin-A deficiency, National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme as well as Nutrition Education Interventions have also been undertaken.

Khudabux Oriental Public Library Patna

5107. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL AUAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) how many sanctioned posts are therein Khudabux Oriental Public Library Patna;

(b) how many posts are lying vacant;

(c) WHETHER THE POST OF THE DIRECTOR IS ALSO LYING VACANT SINCE 1991; AND

(d) why these posts are not being filled and advertised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KIRMARI SELJA) : (a) 60.

(b) No post is lying vacant.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Extension given to retired employees in Central Academies

5108. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) The number of retired employees given extension or re-employment in the Central Academies; and

(b) the details regarding the number of times such extensions have been given during the year 1990-1994 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Eight persons were given re-employment/extension by the Central Academies.

(b) A statement is attached.