

(b) if so, the details thereof; and what was the outcome of the Conference in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Conference, issues on Maternal and New born care, Reproductive health of adolescent and young people, Baby Friendly Hospital Approach, ORT, Guinea Worm Eradication, Water and Sanitation, Community health and Community participation interalia were discussed.

The Meeting endorsed the Goals of Education for all by the year 2000. The meeting emphasised the need for political commitment to ensure that all concerned sectors develop a coordinated Plan of Action with appropriate budget allocations in respect of multisectoral school based packages.

COMMON SENIORITY FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF OF KVS

5104. SHRI J. S. RAJU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of Common Seniority for non-teaching staff posted in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Regional-Headquarters Office has since been decided by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan despite its being subjudice; and

(b) if so, the details and justification thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No, Sir. The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has only authorised that the matter be examined by a Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

Facility of Creches for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

5105. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether benefits of the Scheme of Creches/Day Care Centres started by Government in 1975 are admissible to its autonomous organisations fully funded and controlled by it;

(b) if so, what are the conditions etc. of the admissibility;

(c) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has ever approached the Department of Women and Child Development requesting for extension of the said benefits to its employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and reaction of the Department thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI) :

(a) No, Sir. The object of the Scheme of Creches/Day Care Centre is to benefit children of poor working or ailing women. The benefits of the scheme are available only to those children whose parents' income does not exceed Rs. 1800/- per month. The ceiling of income of both the parents was Rs. 300/- per month till 1-4-1991 when it was revised to Rs. 1800/- per month.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Malnourished children in the country

5106. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-

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 37.6% (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 (ICDS) 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 ALIAS 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) (KUMARI 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.