

cultural, health, social, religious, developmental activities etc. as their objectives. As per the latest information available, during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991-92, the total number of such organisations having reported foreign assistance were 9132, 9316 and 9012 with assistance to the tune of Rs. 76085.80 lakhs, Rs. 94547.80 lakhs and Rs. 141213.46 lakhs respectively. These assistance may have been utilised for one or all of the above objectives.

स्वर्गीय श्री रफी अहमद किदवई का जन्म शताब्दी समारोह

4304. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) स्वतंत्रता सेनानी, राष्ट्रभक्त और कुशल प्रशासक, स्वर्गीय श्री रफी अहमद किदवई के जन्म शताब्दी वर्ष जो निकट भविष्य में पड़ रहा है, के अवसर पर राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर समारोहों के आयोजन से संबंधित कार्यक्रम का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या विभिन्न राज्यों में समारोह आयोजन संबंधी कुछ कार्यक्रम बनाये गये हैं, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभाग) में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) और (ख) प्रधान मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में 27 जनवरी, 1994 को आयोजित रफी अहमद किदवई के जन्म शताब्दी समारोह के लिए गठित राष्ट्रीय समिति की प्रथम बैठक में, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, यह भी निर्णय लिया गया कि:

- (i) श्री रफी अहमद किदवई की जीवनी प्रकाशित की जाये;
- (ii) मसौली गांव का विकास किया जाये;
- (iii) शताब्दी वर्ष के दौरान धारावाहिक का प्रसारण किया जाये;
- (iv) एक स्मारक डाक-टिकट एवं पोस्टेज कवर जारी किया जाए; एवं
- (v) खाद्य सुरक्षा कार्यक्रमों का नामकरण रफी अहमद किदवई के नाम पर किया जाये।

Deputation of Hindi Teachers Abroad

4305. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi teachers are deputed to Somalia; Malaya, Burma etc..

(b) if so, what are the details regarding countries and qualifications of the candidates; and

(c) what is the procedure for registration and submission of applications for the said posts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Under the Scheme of Propagation of Hindi Abroad being implemented by Government of India, four Hindi Teachers have been deputed to Trinidad & Tobago, Surinam and Guyana through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. No Hindi Teachers have been deputed to Somalia, Malaya and Burma. For the selection of Hindi Teachers, Indian Council for Cultural Relations invites nominations of scholars from Indian Universities/Institutions. Candidates short listed are invited for interviews by a Selection Committee of experts. Candidates selected on the recommendations of the Selection Committee are placed in order of merit as Professors/Associate Professors/Asstt. Professors. As and when a vacancy arises in respective categories curriculum vitae of scholars in panel is sent to receiving side, Receiving side informs Indian Council for Cultural Relations their choice in order of preference. Accordingly scholars are offered appointments. However, in cases where Indian Council for Cultural Relations is liable on pay and emoluments, scholars are deputed as per order of merit. Candidates not in panel of Indian Council for Cultural Relations are not considered.

National Action Plan for Children

4306. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a National Plan of Action for children and fixed some major goals to be achieved for the decade 1990—2000 A.D.; and

(b) if so, what is the progress achieved in this regard till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Plan of Action on Children has been adopted and covers programmes in the areas of child and maternal health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, children in especially difficult circumstances, girl child, adolescent girls, children and the environment, advocacy and people's participation. The National Plan of Action has further been reinforced by adopting mid decade goals in the areas of basic education, health, child, labour, drinking water and sanitation. State Governments/Union Territories have also been asked to prepare Plan of Action on Children in respect of their States/UTs on the basis of the National Plan of Action on children in respect of their States/UTs specifying the targets for 1995 as well as 2000 and work out the strategy by taking into account the regional disparities.

The National Plan of Action on Children has been internalised in the National Five Year Plan of different development sectors and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments/State Governments and Union Territories have taken necessary steps to implement the National Plan of Action with a view to attain the goals set therein. With a view to achieve the goals set out in the National Plan of Action on children a number of initiatives have been made. In the health sector, the specific programmes under implementation are universal immunization programme, oral rehydration therapy, prophylaxis scheme and child survival and safe motherhood programme.

In the education sector, a strategy for universalisation of elementary education has been drawn up to promote better enrolment, retention and attainment of children in the primary schools with special emphasis on the girl child.

In the nutrition sector, concerted efforts towards reducing the level of malnutrition among vulnerable groups including children has been made through a host of direct nutritional interventions. These interalia include expansion of services under Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) which provides a package of

health, immunization, supplementary feeding, non-formal and pre-school education and health and nutrition education services to children below 6 years and expectant and nursing mothers. The programme of adolescent girls in the age group of 11-18 years started in 1991-92 covers a whole range of intervention such as nutrition, health, health and nutrition education, recreation, and home based skills. In addition, the Government has adopted a National Nutrition Policy in 1993 which specifically contains a set of direct nutritional interventions and indirect policy instructions involving nutritional and structural changes aimed at improving the levels of nutrition with a special focus on young children.

To improve the condition of children in difficult circumstances, scheme has been introduced for the benefit of street children in 1992-93 in 11 major cities, national child labour projects started in 12 projects and penalties for violations of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986) have been made more stringent.

An Inter-ministerial monitoring committee has been set up which monitors at regular intervals, the action taken to implement the Plan of Action.

Financial Assistance for Voluntary Cultural Organisation

4307. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from voluntary cultural organisations of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for financial assistance during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of proposals approved or are under consideration; and

(c) the amount sanctioned so far and the amount actually paid during the above period?

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