

(a) how much amount has been spent so far on the "People of India" project of the Anthropological Survey of India and what has been the output in terms of publication and help in policy decisions;

(b) whether the methodology adopted the "People of India" project of the Anthropological Survey of India for surveys is in line with the methodologies normally followed by social anthropologists and whether it has been vetted by renewed social anthropologists to ensure that the large amount spent on the project had not been wasted;

(c) whether Calcutta continue to be the headquarter of the Anthropological Survey of India, and if so, what is the role of the Office in Delhi; and

(d) what proportions of the total time was spent by the Director General in Calcutta, Delhi and field visits respectively over the past one year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The total amount spent so far for the People of India project is Rs. 2.26 crores. This does not include the salary component of the regular staff of the Anthropological Survey of India deployed for this project. Twelve out of 43 volumes proposed to be brought out under the project have been published. It is only after the entire material has been published that its implication for policy decision will be known.

(b) Yes, Sir. The project has followed the methodology of the ethnographic survey as it has been developed over the last 100 years. This methodology is part of the tradition of social anthropology. The project reports have been discussed and reviewed in several rounds of discussions and in various parts of the country which were participated in by renowned social anthropologists including professors of university departments.

(c) Yes, Sir. Its camp office at New Delhi is concerned with the preparation, editing and publication of the People of India project material.

(d) There has been no Director General for the last one year and a half.

Post of Secretary in ICSSR

4297. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) for how many months between 1988 and 1994 (July) the post of Secretary of Indian Council of Social Science Research remained vacant and whether any steps had been taken by the Government to fill up that position; and

(b) what efforts were made during the prolonged illness of the Chairman of ICSSR, Professor Moonis Raza until his death, to ensure that normal work at ICSSR was not affected during his illness?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The post of Member-Secretary fell vacant on August 18, 1989 and was filled up on March 18, 1991. Consequent upon the Member-Secretary tendering resignation w.e.f., June 25, 1993 working arrangements were made to ensure that the functioning of the Council was not affected. However, Government has now conveyed its approval to the Council for appointment of a new incumbent as Member-Secretary. The Council has been advised to take further necessary action in the matter.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the council resolved that in absence of the Chairman, in connection with his treatment abroad an Advisory Committee (under the Chairmanship of Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Chairman, UGC) would be constituted to advise the Member-Secretary on such matters as may be necessary and accordingly the advisory Committee is functioning.

Action Plan for Children

4298. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka,