

to the Education Sector in the States/ Union Territories for production of school text books and exercise books. The States and Union Territories, in turn were sub-allocating the quantities of paper allotted to them amongst various agencies like Text-book Boards, Boards of Secondary Education, Universities, producers of exercise books etc. The scheme was discontinued thereafter as a matter of overall fiscal policy.

No decision to revive the scheme has been taken by the Government.

**Criteria for Giving  
Arjuna/Drona-charya Award**

621. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has laid down norms or criteria for the Arjuna Awards and Dronacharya Awards;

(b) whether Government receives or invites applications from Arjuna/Dronacharya Awards aspirants ; and

(c) whether such awards have been given, posthumously to any sportsman, if so, the name of such sportsman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WAS NIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government considers applications directly received from aspirants of Arjuna/Dronacharya Awards as well as invite recommendations of National federations.

(c) No, Sir.

**Printing of English Urdu Dictionary**

622. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eminent Scholar Late Prof. Kalimuddin Ahmed had submitted manuscript of comprehensive English-Urdu Dictionary a decade ago;

(b) if so, why the said dictionary is yet to be printed; and

(c) by when this dictionary will be available for sale?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The printing of this Dictionary in six volumes is already in progress. First volume of the Dictionary has already been printed and is likely to be brought out shortly. Second and third volumes are in the Press and are likely to be completed during the current financial year. Work on the remaining volumes will follow.

**Private Trusts to set up Universities**

623. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sought the opinion of University Grants Commission (U.G.C.) on granting permission to Private trusts to set up Universities;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of U.G.C.;

(c) whether such Universities in the private sector would be governed by the University Grants Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER  
IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND !  
DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI  
SELJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The  
University Grants Commission have  
conveyed that they agree, in principle,  
to the idea of setting up of non-  
Government self-financing private  
universities, subject to interalia  
following safeguards :

(i) there should be a Central Act for  
the setting up of privately-financed  
Universities;

(ii) such universities should func-  
tion as institutions of excellence and  
there should be a proper mechanism for  
the accreditation and academic audit;

(iii) self-financing private univer-  
sities should be single campus and  
multi-faculty universities (including  
Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences);

(iv) admission to such Universities  
should be on the basis of merit with at  
least 50% seats being filled by Indian  
students. Reservation for admission of  
students should be as per the prescribed  
policy of the Government; and

(v) there should be no assistance  
from the Government/UGC or such  
privately financed universities.

(c) *end id*) The Gcverment has not  
taken a final view in this *rograd*.

#### **Rural Sports Talent in Andhra Pradesh**

624. SHRI YERRA NARAYA-  
NASWAMY : Will die Minister of HI  
MAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
be pleased to state :

(a) whether any effort has been  
made by the Sports Authority of India  
to select rural talent in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of  
such efforts;

(c) whether any assistance will be  
given to Zilla Parishads by Sports

Authority of India,'Sto encourage  
building up of infrastructure in district  
level towns ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATS  
IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI  
MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Sports Authority of India has  
schemes which cater to the needs of  
Rural Talent. These schemes are Sports  
Project Development Area, Special  
Area Games and Army Boys Sports  
Companies underw hich talent is  
scouted on the basis of their potential  
through Battery of Tests. So far the  
Sports Authority of India has  
established S.P.D.A. Centre at Eluru,  
Nizamabad and Kurnool. The Army  
Boys Sports Company at the  
Regimental Centre Hyderabad also has  
predominantly rural talent under  
training. Efforts are also being made to  
scout archery talent from rural area of  
Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir. However applications  
for assistance are considered by the  
Department of Youth Affairs and  
Sports under its Scheme of Grants for  
creation of sports infrastructure.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Kendriya Vidyalaya SySlabus in Private Schools**

625. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA  
RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to  
encourage private educational  
institutions of high calibre to set up  
schools following the Kendriya Vid-  
yalaya syllabus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and