

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/Dronacharya 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 function as institutions of excellence and there should be a proper mechanism for the accreditation and academic audit;

(iii) self-financing private universities 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) and (d) The Government has not taken a final view in this regard.

#### Rural Sports Talent in Andhra Pradesh

624. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY : Will the Minister of HUMAN 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, to encourage building up of infrastructure in district level towns ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE 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 high 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 Syllabus 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 Vidyalaya syllabus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and