

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (b) The UGC, at its meeting held in October, 1992 considered the question of Career Advancement Scheme for Readers and agreed to recommend to the Government the creation of a Selection Grade for Readers in the scale of Rs. 4500-6300. The matter is being examined by the Government in consultation with the UGC.

(e) and (f) UGC provides only plan grants to the Colleges which have been recognised by the Commission in terms of the relevant regulations framed under the UGC Act. Non-Plan grants are provided to the College by the agencies which have established these Colleges. However, both plan and Non-Plan grants are being provided by the UGC to the Colleges falling within the purview of the Central Universities.

#### **Holding of International Mathematical Olympiad**

600. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to host the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) in the country in 1996;

(b) if so, details thereof with details of circumstances leading to such initiatives;

(c) whether this International Olympiad will benefit the country in any way;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether holding of this International meet will cost the Government certain amount;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether government have sent some Indian Delegation to participate in this year in the IMO to be held in Hongkong; and

(h) if so, number of members of delegation with criteria for their selection and advantages to be derived from this participation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (h) International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is held annually to test the Mathematical skills of students in the final years of schooling. Development of science and technology requires nurturing of talent in the field of Mathematics-IMO is one of the important methods of achieving this goal.

India will be hosting IMO in 1996. The financial requirements for this are being worked out by the National Board for Higher Mathematics (NBHM), an autonomous organisation under the Department of Atomic Energy.

In the recently concluded Olympiad at Hongkong six contestants were sent on the basis of selections made by the NBHM. The contestants won three Silver and three Bronze Medals each. The enthusiasm generated through the intensely competitive selection process and the satisfactory performance at the International level is bound to stimulate greater striving for achievement of excellence in Mathematics on the part of the gifted students.

#### **Institutions Holding Nursery Teachers' Training Courses**

601. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Government Institutions of the country have been organising Nursery Teachers' Training Courses;

(b) if so, the names of such Institutions State and Territory-wise with duration of course in each Institution and criteria for admission and charges fixed for the same;

(c) whether some Government recognised Institutions of country are also organising Nursery Teacher's Training Courses;

(d) if so, the names of such Institutions State and Territory-wise with duration of course in each Institutions and Criteria for admission and charges fixed for the same;

(e) whether Government propose to set up some more similar Institutions in 1994 and 1995 at different places of country;

(f) whether Government also propose to accord recognition to some more private Institutions organising Nursery Teacher's Training Courses in 1994 and 1995 to ease burden on Government Institutions; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (g) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Restructuring and Reorganisation of Teacher Education taken-up in pursuance of National Policy on Education, 1986, covers training of teachers at primary and secondary levels. Teacher training at pre-school level is not covered under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and, therefore, information regarding nursery teacher training institutions/courses in the country is not being monitored. However, there is no Central Government institution organising such courses.

### Pre-Historic sites in Nagaland

602. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some pre-historic sites have recently been unearthed in Phek District of Nagaland bordering Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has since been made on these sites; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when it will be undertaken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. During season 1991-92 approval was given to explore Wazeho area of Phek district; in addition during the season 1992-93 approval was given to explore the Chungliyimti area of Tuensang district and Changki area of Mokokchung district of Nagaland, to Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Nagaland. The Districts Phek and Tuensang are bordering Burma. The exploration undertaken revealed stone age habitation of neolithic period and the antiquities comprised neolithic celts, stone 'earrings, grinding stone, mullers, pestles and pottery lid-knob.

### Open Universities in the country

603. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Open Universities currently in operation in the country, and their capacity of intake in different courses;