

Foreign Auctioners in India

3875. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the reputed London Auctioners "SOTHEBYS" have started their operations in India;

(b) whether Government have stipulated any guidelines before permitting them into the Indian market;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in the recent auctions of Sothebys, they have violated these guidelines; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The auction was conducted on 8th & 9th October, 1992 at New Delhi as per the catalogue published by Sothebys.

(b) to (e) The Archaeological Survey of India has no specific information.

Defence Studies in the Universities

3876. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 28 Universities in the country which conduct undergraduate courses and 13 Universities at post-graduate level on the subjects Defence studies and allied subjects;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for including defence studies and allied subjects in Union Public Service Commission examinations both at graduate level and post-graduate level;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, 9 Universities are offering courses in Defence studies/Military Science at the Graduate and Post-graduate levels.

(b) to (d) According to the information furnished by Union Public Service Commission, the Commission conducts various examinations in accordance with the Rules notified by the various Ministries/Departments. The Schemes of examinations, laid down in the Rules are finalised by the Commission in consultation with the Government of India. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Commission for inclusion of Defence studies and allied subjects in the scheme of competitive Examinations.

उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रामीण विद्यालयों में प्रशिक्षण सुविधायें

3877. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रामीण विद्यालयों में प्रशिक्षण की पर्याप्त सुविधायें नहीं हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन सभी विद्यालयों में प्रशिक्षण सुविधायें उपलब्ध करने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा क्या उपाय किये गये हैं; और

(ग) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान इन योजनाओं में सुधार हेतु सरकार द्वारा कुल कितनी राशि उपलब्ध करायी गयी है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) और (ख) माध्यमिक शिक्षा के व्यावसायीकरण की योजना के अंतर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश में 1987-88 से 1991-92 के दौरान + 2 स्तर पर शुरू

करने के लिए 600 स्कूलों में 1750 व्यावसायिक सेशन की मंजूरी प्रदान की गई। ये पाठ्यक्रम ग्रामीण और शहरी दोनों ही क्षेत्रों में व्यावसायिक शिक्षा के लिए अवसर प्रदान करेंगे।

(ग) 1990-91 तथा 1991-92 के दौरान 806.39 लाख रुपये की केन्द्रीय सहायता प्रदान की गई थी।

महाराष्ट्र में शिव मंदिर का रख-रखाव

3878. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र के अहमदनगर जिले में हरीश चन्द्र गढ़ के पास स्थित शिव मंदिर पुरातत्व विभाग के अधीन है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस भव्य मंदिर की मरम्मत न होने की वजह से गिर जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इसके रख-रखाव हेतु कोई व्यवस्था कर रही है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौर क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

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(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) से (ङ) वार्षिक रखरखाव तथा निगरानी के अतिरिक्त, मंदिर को वर्तमान वर्ष के अंतर्गत आवश्यक संचालक मरम्मत हेतु संरक्षण कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया गया है।

Percentage of Female Illiterate

3879. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that female illiterate in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan which was

45 per cent in 1981 had increased to 48 per cent in 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove female illiteracy in these States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) The percentage of female illiterates in the State of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh compared to the total female illiterates in the country increased from 45.6% in 1981 to 46.8% in 1991. However, the female illiteracy rate in those States has shown a gradual decreasing trend between 1981-91 as given in the table below:

	Female illiteracy Percentage		
	1981	1991	rate decrease in illiteracy rate
Bihar	83.49	76.90	6.59
Madhya Pradesh	81.01	71.61	9.40
Rajasthan	86.01	79.16	6.85
Uttar Pradesh	82.82	73.98	8.84

(c) Universalisation of Elementary Education, Non-formal Education for the school drop-outs and the National Literacy Mission, which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age-group form part of a larger strategy for the eradication of illiteracy in the country in general and in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in particular. The focus of all these programme is on girls and women. The number of NFE centre sanctioned, the number of blocks which have been covered under 'Operation Blackboard' (OB) and the districts which have been