

करने के लिए 600 स्कूलों में 1750 व्यावसायिक सेवकों की मंजूरी प्रदान की गई। ये कार्यक्रम 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 मन्दिर का रख-रखाव

3878. डा० बापू कालदास : 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 मन्दिर 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 व्यय क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) हरीश चन्द्र गढ़ स्थित शिव मंदिर केन्द्रीय परिरक्षित स्मारक है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) से (ङ) वार्षिक रखरखाव तथा निगरानी के अतिरिक्त, मंदिर को वर्तमान वर्ष के अंतर्गत आवश्यक संरचनात्मक 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:

(c) Universalisation of Elementary

	Female illiteracy Percentage		
	1981	rate 1991	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

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

covered under the Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) in these states are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of State	NFE Centres	Blocks Under 'OB'	District Under 'TLC'
1.	Bihar	51990	238	6
2.	Madhya Pradesh	34561	345	11
3.	Rajasthan	12161	237	4
4.	Uttar Pradesh	63700	895	8

A "Bihar Education Project" (BEP) sponsored jointly by the Central and State Governments and the UNICEF has also been taken up in Bihar, which aims at universalisation of elementary education, drastic reduction in adult illiteracy and equalisation of educational opportunities with particular focus on women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes etc.

In Uttar Pradesh a Project entitled "Mahila Samakhya" has been taken up in the 4 districts of Banda, Tehri Garhwal, Saharanpur and Varanasi, which aims at creating a mechanism whereby women are given an opportunity to plan their own education and reach out to a new body of knowledge.

International Library Conference

3880. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an International Library Conference was held in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what recommendations were made by the Conference, with details thereof; and

(d) how Government propose to implement the recommendations of the Conference?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was the 58th Annual General Conference of the International Federation of Library Association and Institutions (IFLA), held on 30th August—5th Sept. 1992 at New Delhi. Out of the total 1397 delegates who attended the Conference, the foreign delegates were 884 and the rest were Indians. The number of countries represented were 81. The host of the Conference was the Indian Library Association, Delhi.

(c) The main Resolutions of the IFLA Pre-Session Seminar on 'The Image, Status and Reputation of the library and Information Profession' are as per the statement attached, (*see below.*) These Resolutions have been accepted as the basic recommendations of the Conference.

(d) The Recommendations of the Conference do not address the Government at this stage.

Statement

Resolutions of the pre-session seminar on the Image, Status and Reputation of the Library and Information Profession Delhi, August 1992.

1. Library Associations and other lead agencies at the national level are urged to combine efforts in formulating and recommending policy for library and information services for the consideration of the Government, in order to improve provisions overall and enhance the image and status of the profession.

2 IFLA as well as national associations and institutions need to focus greater attention on activities associated with high priority national concerns, such as the eradication of illiteracy, the promotion of information services and oral culture, and demonstrate its commitment and support in