

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of other Backward Classes according to People of India Project and Mandal Commission Report in the country; and

(b) what is the other Backward Classes percentage of the population in Peoples of India Project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The total number of other Backward Classes according to Matidal Coranussiioa report is 3623. Against this the total number of other Backward Classes identified and studied by People of India Project is 1500.

(b) The total percentage of the other Backward Classes studied under the People of India project against the Mandal Commission report is 41.4.

[CDS Project in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar]

3911. SMT. VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project to expand Integrated Child Development Scheme with World Bank assistance has lately been prepared for Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the World Bank and Central Government aid therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal for World Bank Assisted Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Project for Bihar and Madhya Pradesh has been prepared and negotiated with the World Bank. The

proposal is awaiting clearance of the World Bank. It envisages coverage of 207 blocks in Bihar and 229 blocks in Madhya Pradesh.

The project cost, excluding Supplementary Nutrition has been estimated at Rs. 596.23 crores, out of which 29.15 crores constitutes the state's share while the rest constitutes the central share. World Bank's assistance to Govt. of India is expected to be around 90% of the total expenditure.

The Project is expected to provide, apart from normal ICDS services, certain additional and innovative activities.

Monitoring of the Expenditure on I.C.D.S.

3912. SHRI RAJUBHAI A.

PARMAR:

SMT. VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Integrated Child Development Scheme Projects under implementation in each State:

(b) Central and World Bank aid made available for this purpose this year; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to monitor the expenditure thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The details of ICDS Projects under implementation alongwith Central and World Bank assistance made available for the purpose, during this year, are given in the statement, (*see below*).

(c) A computerised MIS is functioning in the Department to monitor the implementation of ICDS with particular reference to the administration health, nutrition and pre-school components of the scheme each month. Detailed Health and Nutritional aspects of the programme are also being monitored by the Central Technical Committee of the ICDS on a monthly basis. As regards monitoring of