

has intimated in *April, 1992* that it has not deleted from the school curriculum the lessons pertaining to the biographies of national leaders. It has further informed that during 1971-72 the curriculum included supplementary readers and this system continued till 1986. With the National Policy on Education, 1986, the State Government revised the school syllabi for classes I to VIII. In the revised syllabi, no provision was made for the study of supplementary readers to reduce the academic burden on children and to avoid duplication of subject matter. Accordingly, teaching of supplementary readers was done away with in 1991. However, before withdrawing the supplementary readers, it was ensured that the life history of great personalities in the school textbooks of subjects like Hindi, Social Studies and Social Sciences were included.

The issue of modifications made in school textbooks in certain States including Madhya Pradesh on lines not conducive to national integration as reported in the Press, has been examined by the Government recently and a multi-pronged plan of action has been drawn up for tackling the situation at educational and other levels.

There have been reports in the Press about printing of liquor advertisements in some school textbooks of Madhya Pradesh. Comments of the State Government have been called for in this regard.

Availability of Requisite Paraphernalia in Engineering Colleges

863. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of new private Engineering Colleges established in various parts of the country during the last two years with details thereof;

(b) what was the criterion followed in opening these institutions by the Central/ State Government;

(c) whether all these institutions have the requisite paraphernalia such as building, equipments, laboratories, grounds etc.,

(d) if not, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard;

(e) whether Government are aware that despite the Supreme Court judgement declaring charging of capitation fees as illegal, these colleges are charging huge amounts as capitation fee; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELLA) : (a) to (d) As per the provisions in the AICTE Act, prior approval of the AICTE is mandatory before starting an engineering college. During the last two years ten private engineering colleges were established with the prior approval of the AICTE which include nine in Maharashtra and one in Haryana. The basic criteria while giving approval to such institutions by the AICTE include the financial and academic viability, minimum infrastructure availability and sufficient manpower demand etc. The AICTE ensures, among other things, that the basic infrastructure is provided before starting the academic programmes in the institution and the facilities as prescribed in the norms are created in a time bound programme. The Act also enables the AICTE to discontinue or withdraw the approval in case the institution does not comply with the conditions as laid down while giving approval.

(e) and (f) The Government has no specific information in this matter.

Training-Cum-Employment Programme for Women

864. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government sanction a grant equal to ninety per cent of the cost of Project Proposals submitted under the Training-Cum-Employment Programme for women;

(b) whether it is also a fact that twenty three Project Proposals costing about Rs. 2.75 crores submitted by the Mahila

and Bal Vikas Vibhag of the Uttar Pradesh Government since December, 1990 to April, 1991 are pending before the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and by when this would be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Under the Scheme of Setting up of Employment-cnm-Income

Generating units for women, 100% assistance is given to the applicant organisation-Under the Scheme of Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP), 90% of cost of the aproved project cost is given as grant-in-aid and 10% to be arranged by the applicant organisation.

(b) and (c) The information' is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Home.

Critical Review on Sports Policy

865. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: -Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

.., (a) whether in view of the continued dismal performance of the Indian contin-
gent in Olympics and International Games. Government have critically reviewed the sports policy with regard to the develop-ment of the sports, providing infrastructure for various disciplines, appoitment of coaches - for various disciplines and selection of talent for various sports events;

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

(c) the manner in which Government propose to remove the ills plaguing the Indian sports?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Programme of Action of the existing Sports Policy was formulated and placed before both the Houses of Parliament in August, 1992.

(c) For the improvement of sports in the country the following areas have been identified in the Programme of Action

which require comprehensive improve-ments :

(i) Creating a sports environment;

(ii) Broadbasing;

(iii) Improving competitive standard; and

(iv) Sports Management.

Efforts are being made to involve all the partners concerned with these aspects of sports, namely the State Govts, the National Federations, the corporate Sector etc. in the successful implementation of the Programme of Action.

In addition, sports academies in select disciplines will be established in coordination with the concerned National Federations, Corporate Sector and Sports Authority of India. A Hockey and a Hand Ball. Academy have already started functioning in New Delhi and Bhilai (M.P.) respectively and another five academies are en the anvil. These Academies will concentrate on training outstanding Juniors and Sub Juniors who will form the backbone of our teams in the years to come.

Grant to the Libraries of Delhi University

866. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the libraries of Delhi University are consistently shrinking and that acute shortage of books and periodicals has adversely affectead the teaching and research work;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of fall in the grants given for libraries to the Delhi University by the University Grants Commission;

(c) what are the reasons for reducing the grants; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government to remove the paucity of funds being faced by the Delhi University Libra-ries in the larger interest of the students ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCA-TION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The" University