

Coast Paper Mills, Karnataka for printing of text books from 1st to VIIIth standards from the year 1985-86 but the supply was irregular and insufficient and finally no supply of paper; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking to ensure regular supply of white paper for printing of text books for poor student?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) From 1974 to March, 1990, there was a scheme for supply of White Printing Paper (WPP) at concessional prices to the Education Sector in the States/Union Territories for production of school text books and exercise books. The scheme was discontinued thereafter as a matter of overall fiscal policy.

(b) Some States have requested for revival of the scheme. The matter is under consideration of Government.

#### Imbalances in the Situation of Women

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item titled "Street on removing women's problems" in Financial Express dated 4th June, 1992;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove the imbalances in the situation of women;

(c) what are the areas where Government propose to intervene; and

(d) the details of measures proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The South Asian Seminar on Women Challenges for the 1990s was a regional effort which was organised by United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) in co-sponsorship with this Department. The Seminar while deliberating over the existing imbalances in the situation of women in the region including that of the girl child, identified the challenges for the 1990s and outlined the strategies for meeting those challenges.

Government is conscious of all the existing imbalances in the situation of women and is taking necessary remedial measures and interventions through various development programmes to correct those imbalances with the ultimate objective of mainstreaming women in national development.

#### Result of C.B.S.E.

301. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pass percentage of students of the class X of the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi this year 1992 is very low;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pass percentage of students of the Delhi area schools is lower than the National average; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a)

As per information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education,