

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,

(CBSE), the pass percentage of students of Delhi Region in Class X Examination conducted by the Board in 1992 is 47 as against the Comparative pass percentage of 46.8 in 1991 Examination.

(b) Yes, Sir. The overall pass percentage of students belonging to all the regions of the country including Delhi in Class X Examination conducted by the CBSE in 1992 is 62.8 as compared to pass percentage of 47 in Delhi region.

(c) As per information received from the Delhi Administration and the CBSE, the comparative low pass percentage in Delhi Region is due to the poor performance of private candidates and students of patrachar Vidyalaya of Delhi region and students of Government schools run by Delhi Administration. Only 14.9 per cent of the examinees in the former category and 35.1 per cent in the latter category have passed the Class X Examination conducted by the CBSE in 1992.

Steep Hike in Tuition Fee

302. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep hike in tuition fees of various colleges under Central University;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the steep hike in tuition fee is likely to adversely affect the students of weaker section and aspirants of higher education; and

(d) if so, the steps being contemplated to provide relief to the affected students community?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) According to the information fur-

nished by Pondicherry University the Government of Pondicherry has made a nominal increase in tuition fees of Government Colleges affiliated to Pondicherry University from 1992-93 due to escalation in expenditure. The hike in tuition fees would not affect students belonging to SC/ST as their fees would be reimbursed by Government scholarship.

University of Delhi, Banaras Hindu University, North-Eastern Hill University have informed that tuition fees in their colleges have not been increased.

The remaining Central Universities do not have colleges in their jurisdiction.

National Sports Federation

303. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1432 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to amend the policy in regard to the functioning of National Sports Federation; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the changes proposed to be effected?

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) and (b) The Government have set up a Committee to review the National Sports Policy and Guidelines issued thereunder. Matters relating to functioning of the National Sports Federations would also be a part of the review. The Report of the Committee received recently is under examination and no final decision has been taken as yet.