

**Comptroller and auditor general
Observation on literacy mission**

935. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN.
DRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General has in a recent report observed that despite infusion of substantial funds into literacy mission the average number of persons rendered literate is surprisingly low;

(b) if so, in what precise context this observation was made; and

(c) what is the proposed lay out for the literacy mission programme under the Eighth Five Year Plan?

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

(a) and (b) Recent report of the Comptroller and Auditor General has observed that the average number of persons rendered literate declined to 44 lakhs per year during 1988—90 from 49 lakhs per year during 1985—88. This observation has been made in the context of the provisional figures available at the time of the audit. As per the latest position, the situation is reverse. The average number of persons made literate during 1988—90 is 52.55 lakhs per year as against 49 lakhs (to be exact 48.95 lakhs) per year during 1985—88.

(c) Area specific, time bound, volunteer based and cost effective Total Literacy Campaign is the dominant strategy for eradication of literacy in the country. There are 156 districts under full/partial coverage under Total Literacy Campaign as on date. During the Eighth Five Year Plan, the coverage under Total Literacy Campaign is likely to reach 350 districts. In districts/areas, where it is not

possible to launch Total Literacy Campaigns for one reason or the other the programme would be organised through the voluntary agencies, educational institutions, Nithru Yuva Kendras etc. keeping in fact the broad features of the new approach.

**Non-utilization of I.G. Stadium Sports
Hostel**

936. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Express dated the 19th May, 1992 regarding non-utilisation of I.G. Stadium Sports Hostel; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its non-utilisation and whether Government propose to sell the hostel building to avoid losses?

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) The building in its present form is not fit for utilisation. The feasibility of converting this building into a hostel-cum-hotel was explored. Offers received in this connection were, however, not found economically viable.

Various possibilities for early completion and utilisation of the building are being explored, ensuring availability for sports purposes also. There is no proposal to sell the hostel building.