

wards in Medical courses conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi and other such organisations which provide for reservation of seats therefor; and

(b) if so, the details of relevant provisions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow are not treated as part of Indian Embassy, Moscow, hence the facility of reservation in Medical courses conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and other such organisations is not extended to them.

Inter-disciplinary study by ICPR

4181. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Philosophical Research has undertaken a comprehensive research Project of Inter-disciplinary study and that it has been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the details of objectives, dimensions, methodology, issues to be dealt with, work-plan and time schedule of the project;

(c) whether an Overview Volume in this regard is planned; if so, the outline thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that in the specific fields which the project is to cover, some works have been published and some are going on by private and public efforts/organisations in India and abroad; if so, their names and whether their output would also be incorporated to make the Research Project richer?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Indian Council of Philosophical Research I.C.P.R.), the Council is the nodal agency for a research project on "The Study of history of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture". The main objective of the project is to undertake a comprehensive and Inter-disciplinary study of scientific, philosophical and cultural heritage of Indian Civilization. A Preparatory Committee consisting of eminent scholars has been constituted for the detailed planning and implementation of the project. Ten Volumes covering of variety of subjects like geography, mathematics, astronomy, physical sciences, life sciences, medical sciences, industry, agriculture and social and political institutions of India, are expected to be published under project which is likely to take 7 to 9 years for completion. The Committee has started preparation of an "Overview Volume" which would lay down detailed outlines, selected topics and broad methodology to be followed for preparation of the individual volumes.

(d) Some works which have been published and some others which are being prepared by private and public efforts/organisations in India and abroad would be taken into account in the project itself. These include works of the Asiatic Society, the Ram Krishna Mission, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Indian National Science Academy, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute and other research Councils in India, works of leaders of Indian Renaissance like Raja Ram Mohan Ray, Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi etc. and Indian and Western Philosophers.

Singing of National Song

4182. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question

335 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13-12-1991 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued to schools in all the States and U.Ts. for singing of National Song and National Anthem;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of schools where these instructions are not followed; and whether there are instructions to stop Government aid and grants to such schools; and

(c) the details of policy and response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Orders regarding community singing of National Anthem in all schools of the country have been issued from time to time. Most recently, in October 1991, the Minister of Human Resource Development, addressed all the Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors to issue necessary directives for singing of National Anthem in Schools. However, no instructions have been issued regarding singing of National Song.

No specific reports regarding non-implementation of the Oct. '91 instructions relating to National Anthem have been received so far from any State/Union Territory.

The policy of the Government on the singing of National Anthem has been that there should be community singing of the National Anthem in all schools every day.

Expenditure in foreign currency

4183. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Historical Research usually does not take permission from the Reserve

Bank of India for expenditure to be made in foreign currency;

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to keep a check on avoidable expenditure; and

(c) the names and designations of the persons permitted to spend foreign exchange during each year of the Seventh Plan period with amounts?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research, the Council sanctions maintenance grant to scholars in Indian currency to undertake research abroad. Scholars, who are sanctioned such grants, have themselves to apply to the Reserve Bank of India for foreign exchange under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973.

(c) Information regarding scholars who have availed of financial assistance from the Council for visit abroad during the 7th Plan period is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Project "Towards Freedom"

4184. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:

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

(a) when the Indian Council of Historical Research started the project "Towards Freedom" and the total amount spent so far and whether the project is likely to be completed by the end of 1992; and

(b) whether Government propose to wind up the project to stop further wastage?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The project "Towards Freedom" was taken up by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) on 20th August, 1973. So far,