

appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 2nd December, 1991 to the effect that the academicians, Social Scientists and media experts who met in a session entitled "Education and Social Tensions" have opined that the higher education in the colleges and Universities is in a 'State of Shambles';

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

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN-RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Government is aware of the newspaper report appearing in Hindustan Times dated 2nd December, 1991 regarding deliberations of a 3-day convention organised by the National Media Centre. Government has, however, not received any proceedings of the convention from its organisers.

(b) The following main points have been made in the newspaper report:—

- delinking of degrees from jobs.
- monitoring performance of academic community.
- use of Electronic media in support of education.
- appointment of an Education Commission.
- greater emphasis on use of English in higher education.

(c) Most of the above suggestions were considered at the time of formulation of National Policy on Education—1986 and the following important steps have already taken in this regard:

- A. National Evaluation Organisation has recently been set up with the main objective of conducting tests for those jobs which need not require a University degree.
- UGC has circulated to all Universities a model code of ethics and guidelines for performance appraisal of teachers.

—UGC and IGNOU are telecasting educational programmes on national network of Doordarshan.

As regards greater emphasis in the teaching and learning of English in institutions of Higher Education, the National Policy on Education 1968 and 1986 emphasised adoption of regional languages as the medium of instruction at the University stage, and provision of facilities for the study of English and other foreign languages.

Government had appointed a Committee to review the NPE—1986 under the Chairmanship of Acharya Ramamurti in May, 1990 and the Committee submitted a detailed report in December, 1990 covering all aspects of education. It is, therefore, not considered advisable to appoint another Commission on Education.

Representation of SC/ST and Minorities in Selection Committees/Boards

2363. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's instructions of August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities in the Selection Committee/Boards have been implemented;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government/institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The

information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damage to Shravanabelgola due to Illegal Mining

2364. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT¹ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Telegraph dated 23rd September, 1991 regarding damage to the 1000 year old monolith in Shravanabelgola (Karnataka) due to illegal mining in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item states that the monolithic statue of Gomateswara is cracking due to buffeting by winds and rattling caused by unauthorised mining near by.

(c) Since 1978 the State Government has banned granting of mining lease within a radius of 2 Km. around the monument and it is reported that no quarrying operations are taking place in the vicinity of this monument now.

The crack noticed, in the statue has already been filleted and chemically preserved by the experts of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Central Schools in Rajasthan and Orissa

2365. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Schools so far opened in Rajasthan and Orissa indicating the location thereof State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more Central Schools in Rajasthan and Orissa during the year 1991-92 and during the Eighth Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A statement indicating the location of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan and Orissa is attached.

(b) and (c) There is no system of allotting Kendriya Vidyalayas on district-wise or State-wise basis. The opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas depends upon the suitability of the proposals from the prescribed user agencies, especially presence of a cluster of employees of the Central Government/Central Government Undertakings, availability of physical facilities and financial resources and administrative considerations.

Statement

I. Number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State of Rajasthan

S. No. Name of State and Address

RAJASTHAN (42)

1 Air Force Station, Jaisalmer.

2 Air Force Station, Suratgarh.