

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

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1 Air Force Station, Jaisalmer.

2 Air Force Station, Suratgarh.