

**Opening of Kendriya/Navodaya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh**

† \*199. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received letters from people's representatives to open Kendriya/Navodaya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh districts having no such Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) by when such Vidyalayas would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In so far as Navodaya Vidyalayas are concerned, it is endeavoured to open one JNV in each district of the state, subject to provision by the State Govt, of about 30 acres of suitable land free of cost alongwith rent free suitable temporary accommodation for initial establishment of JNV, till Samiti constructs its own Vidyalayas complex on the permanent site and also subject to availability of financial resources. Out of 12 districts in the State of Himachal Pradesh, JNVs have been sanctioned in 11 Districts. Sanction of JNV in the remaining Distt. Viz. Distt. Kullu is pending for want of a suitable proposal as per Samiti's norms from the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Kendriya Vidyalayas are not opened District-wise. Presently, due to severe budgetary constraints, proposals for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas are not being considered.

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