

The beneficiary students are studying in the states of Tamil Nadu (57), Karnataka (43), Andhra Pradesh (31), Kerala (30), Union Territory of Chandigarh (12), Uttar Pradesh (12), Maharashtra (10), Rajasthan (3), Madhya Pradesh (2), West Bengal, Haryana, Orissa, Gujarat and Punjab (1 each).

(b) and (c) The number of scholarships this year is expected to be 100; and the budgetary allocation is Rs. 3.08 crores.

(d) Does not arise

Know India Programme

68. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Know India Programme (KIP) initiated by Government is still not operational;

(b) if so, whether Government has analyzed the reasons for failure of such programme with partnership of State Government and steps taken by Government to conduct to Know India Programme in the coming years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir. Eleven Know India Programmes (KIP) have been organized since December, 2003. A total of 324 Diaspora youth have participated in the programme.

Three Know India Programmes (KIP) are scheduled to be organized during 2009-10 as per the following schedule.

KIP	Tentative period	Participating States
12th	August – September, 2009	Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh
13th	December, 2009 – January, 2010	Kerala, Haryana
14th	March, 2010	Goa, Rajasthan

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Indian students in Australia

69. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recent attacks on the Indian students in Australia;

(b) whether it is a fact that local authorities have denied such attacks as racial;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the local police have been targeting Indian students for protesting against racial attacks;