

ne from the sale of tickets and advertisements in the playing grounds;

(c) the cost of the Reliance Cup; and

(d) the foreign exchange expenditure and earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table the House.

#### **Application of Vedic Mathematics**

980. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Times of India dated 3rd September, 1987 that there was plea to include an appendix on Vedic Mathematics in the standard mathematics text books at the school level so as to provide a choice to students and teachers and on the higher levels to start research centres equipped with computers in Universities/Indian Institutes of Technology etc. for exploring various fields of applications of Vedic Mathematics;

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken on these two pleas so far;

(c) by when it is likely that students in Kendriya Vidyalayas and other institutions under the Central Government would be able to avail of the above mentioned avenues; and

(d) what is the advice given to State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is nothing concrete to report as yet on these points. However, some scholars in India are known to be engaged in the study and propagation of Vedic Mathematics. The Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan which has recently been set up, is considering the preparation of a project to encourage Vedic Mathematics and its application to computer calculations.

#### **Non-returning of sculptures of Konark Temple**

981. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH; SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA;

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

(a) whether it is a fact that five priceless 13th century sculptures which were sent for display in the Festival of India in several countries four years ago are yet to be returned to the Konark Museum;

(b) whether Archaeological Survey of India has repeatedly lodged protests with the festival authorities on the missing artifacts;

(c) whether the sculptures were insured and whether efforts are being made to bring them back to India intact; and

(d) whether some prized sculptures were also taken from the State Museum in Bhubaneswar and whether they have been returned since then?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Five art objects were obtained from the Archaeological Site Museum of the Archaeological Survey of India at Konark by the National Museum, New Delhi for display abroad. All these have been brought back. None of these objects are reported missing. Four of the objects will be returned shortly. The fifth is required for another exhibition abroad and its return will take some more time. All these art objects were insured on "wall