

Forts in Rajasthan

1979. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of forts in Rajasthan which are being looked after by the Central Government and how many by the State Government;

(b) what is Government's policy to take over the forts to look after and maintain them by the Union and State Governments; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to include Ranthambor Fort in the list of World Heritage and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The number of forts in Rajasthan under Central Government and State Government are 8 and 22 respectively.

(b) The policy of the Union and State Governments for the protection and taking over of ancient and historical forts which are more than 100 years old is based respectively on the national and regional importance. Besides the archaeological and historical importance, the related aspects of ownership, usage and encumbrances etc. are also taken into consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

Adult education programme

1980. SHRI BEKAL UTSABI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the progress made so far in each state under adult education (Proudha Shiksha)

Scheme as envisaged in the National Education Policy; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education 1986 envisages that systematic programme of adult education linked with national goal will be organised and the existing programme reviewed and strengthened. After a thorough review of the existing programme in the field of adult education, the Government have decided to launch National Literacy Mission with a view to providing functional literacy to 30 million persons in 15-35 age group by 1990 and another 50 million by 1995. The details of the Mission are being worked out.

Construction of air strip at Shravasti, U.P.

1981. SHRI BEKAL UTSABI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct an air strip at Shravasti, District Bahraich, in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the land for the purpose has been acquired and work started;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(d) when the work is likely to be started; and

(e) whether Government are aware that an early construction of the air strip at Shravasti will greatly benefit the tourist traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) No traffic survey has been carried out by Vayudoot.

Indian Institute of Advanced Study

1982. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

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

(a) when the Indian Institute of Advanced Study was set up;

(b) what were its aims at that time;

(c) what has been its achievements so far;

(d) whether any review committee has been set up and if so, what are its terms of reference and who are its members; and

(e) by when it is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Indian Institute of Advanced Study was set up in 1965 as a residential centre to provide an academic environment to scholars suitable for advanced research in selected subjects in humanities, Indian culture, comparative religion, social sciences, natural sciences etc.

(c) The main function of the Institute is to appoint Fellows for undertaking research on different themes.

Since its establishment, the Institute appointed 154 visiting Fellows and 5 Core Fellows till the end of 1977, of whom 69 submitted complete manuscripts and 9 part manuscripts. In order to provide opportunities for interaction among scholars, the Institute organised 38 seminars on various topics from 1965 till the end of November, 1977. It brought out 21 volumes of the proceedings of the seminars, 35 volumes of the research work done by Fellows and 11 volumes of lectures delivered by the Visiting Professors.

Following the appointment of Review Committee in September, 1977 the academic activities of the Institute were kept in suspense. Based on the recommendations of Krishna Kirpalani Committee, the Institute was re-organised in August, 1984 in accordance with the scheme of re-organisation and restructuring of the programmes and activities of the Institute as approved by the Government. Since reorganisation, the Institute awarded 39 fellowships to scholars for undertaking advanced research. The Institute also organised 9 seminars on selected subjects of topical interest.

(d) No review committee has been set up by the Government after 1980.

(e) Does not arise.

Mandatory AIDS test for all foreigners

1983. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to make AIDS test mandatory for all foreigners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government of India has streamlined the