

Model schools for scheduled areas

†1757. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to open 6000 new Model Schools in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) the time-frame for opening of these Model Schools; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to open one Model School of Navodaya Vidyalaya standard in each backward block of the Fifth and Sixth Schedule areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) It has been decided to set up 6000 model schools at the rate of one school per block. So far setting up of 2500 model schools in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) has been approved and these schools are targeted to be sanctioned during the 11th Plan Period. However, these schools are envisaged as day schools of Kendriya Vidyalaya standard whereas Navodaya Vidyalayas are residential schools.

Grants for National Bal Bhawan

1758. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total annual grant given to National Bal Bhawan(NBB) by his Ministry for the year 2009-10 and how much is generated internally by NBB;
- (b) the percentage of budget spent on salaries, tours, etc. of staff;
- (c) whether every proposal for enhancement of pay scale of NBB staff to bring it to the level of pay scales in other Government organizations require the approval of his Ministry; and
- (d) if so, how many such cases have been referred by NBB to his Ministry for approval and how many cases have been approved by his Ministry during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Information regarding grant sanctioned to National Bal Bhawan(NBB), during the year 2009-10 (01.04,2009 to 05.03.2010), internal receipts generated by NBB and the expenditure on salaries and tours of staff during this period is given below:

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