

23. Indian Cultural Wing, Beijing, China
24. Indian Cultural Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
25. Indian Cultural Centre, Abu Dhabi, Dubai
26. Indian Cultural Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Demands for more deaf schools

3785. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat and other several State Governments have demanded setting up of more deaf schools, district-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of these schools proposed to be set-up in Bharuch-Surat-Mehsana-Rajkot and Amreli during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) to (d) The Ministry provides grant-in-aid to NGOs working for the welfare of Persons with disabilities under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) for running various projects, including Special Schools for the deaf. Funds are not allocated to State Governments under the scheme.

Jobs for reserved categories in private sector

3786. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the public sector has been reduced to a great extent in the face of Liberalisation, Privatisation, Globalisation (LPG) and the new economic policy having very little scope for giving jobs to reserved categories such as SC, ST, OBC, etc.; and
- (b) if so, whether Government would make a constitutional provision to give jobs to reserved categories in the private sector as a measure of social justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) Reservation is provided in Government services for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

- (b) Government has been encouraging affirmative action in private sector through voluntary action and there is no constitutional provision being contemplated in this regard.