

Reservation for Women in Government Services

†2717. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to reserve jobs for women in the Central Government and semi-Government establishments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps Government are going to take to make women self-reliant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) No final decision in this regard has been taken.

Establishment of National Institute of Smart Governance

2718. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the establishment of National Institute of Smart Governance at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, when such proposal was received; and

(c) what steps have, so far, been taken for the establishment of the institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was received in October, 1999.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The report of a consultant engaged by the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received. On the basis of the report and discussions, the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) has undertaken an internal study to develop a proposal for setting up the institute.

Recommendations of Working Group on IT for Masses

2719. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group on "IT for Masses" set up by his Ministry has submitted its report to Government recently as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 30th July, 2000;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Group and whether the same is placed before the Cabinet Committee on Information Technology (CCIT); and

(c) which are the schemes likely to be implemented indicating the budgetary allocations proposed to be made by Centre and State Governments for spreading IT amongst masses particularly IT education infrastructure in 60,000 schools across the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) had set up a Working Group on IT for masses which submitted its report to the Minister for IT on 29.7.2000.

The main recommendations of the Working Group are as below:—

- Establish IT infrastructure in 60,000 schools over a period of five years.
- Web enabled citizen oriented Government services.