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(b) to (d) Due to the universalisation of primary education and implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) the demand for secondary education in the future is likely to increase considerably. A Committee of the Central Advisory Board on Education has therefore been constituted to examine the various aspects and make suitable recommendations to the Government.

World Bank assistance for primary education in M.P.

†4059. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has sought financial assistance from the World Bank for development of the primary education in the State:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Central Government have forwarded the said proposal to the World Bank; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In the light of reply to Part (a), the question does not arise.

Award of degrees in Delhi University

†4060. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

- (a) the number of research scholars in Delhi University who submitted their Ph.D. thesis by the 31st March, 2005 along with the number of those who have been awarded degree as well as those who have not been awarded degree as yet;
- (b) the reasons for the delay and whether it is a fact that their guides failed to forward their thesis and whether there are such guides too who

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.