

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Union Territory Commission for Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the time frame therefor;

(c) whether the National Commission for women has made any recommendations in this behalf; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Setting up of women commission at the Union Territory (UT) level falls within the purview of the concerned UT Administrations.

(c) and (d) During a state visit to the Chandigarh Union Territory on 15.9.2004, the National Commission for women had taken up the issue of setting up of Chandigarh Commission for Women with the UT Administrations. The Administration has agreed to proceed in this matter.

Evaluation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

638. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

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

(a) whether Government have evaluated Performance of the major literacy programme "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" (SSA);

(b) what are the results;

(c) by when, Government claim to achieve 100 per cent literacy goal;

(d) the funds allotted to achieve the above goal; and

(e) the extent to which Government are taking help of UNESCO to achieve the above goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The first review of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was conducted by an independent Joint Review Mission (JRM) during January-February 2005 in 8 States of the country. The review has shown satisfactory progress.

(c) to (e) The goal of the National Literacy Mission (NLM) is to attain a sustainable threshold literacy rate of 75% by 2007. An amount of

Rs. 1250 crores has been allocated in the Tenth Plan for NLM schemes. At present, no assistance of UNESCO is being taken for NLM schemes.

Ban on mobile phones in schools

†639. SHRI MURLI DEORA:

PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

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

(a) whether Government have imposed any ban on the use of mobile phones in all Government schools, private and public and aided schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Foreign investment in Higher Education

640. SHRI MURLI DEORA:

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to allow foreign investment in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the proposal is likely to be finalised;

(c) whether Government also propose to harness domestic resources and private investment before resorting to foreign funding; and

(d) by when Government would enact a legislation regulating admission and tuition fees in the private self financing institutions as directed by the Supreme Court in the TMA Pai case and the Islamic Academic case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Foreign Direct

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.