

(c) whether NCERT has sufficient work-force to undertake the task of preparing and publishing Urdu text books; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to conduct a departmental enquiry to find out the reasons for such delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The NCERT has made all out efforts to bring out the Urdu text books for the academic year 2005-2006. It has already released 52 Urdu titles for classes I to XII which includes all language textbooks, translations of Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences textbooks etc.. The Urdu titles are available in the market, at the Urdu Academy and at the NCERT's Sales Counter, New Delhi. The Council has also released an advertisement in the leading newspapers in the country including The Hindustan Times, Rashtriya Sahara, The Indian Express, etc. indicating the names of text books released for the convenience of the school children. The NCERT had an understanding with the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) for the NCPUL to undertake Urdu translation of the relevant text books.

(d) No, Sir.

Reading Write Guarantee Programme in Maharashtra

4854. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reading Write Guarantee Programme introduced in several districts in Maharashtra is providing a burden for the teachers as well as for students of the schools; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The 3 Rs Guarantee Programme has been launched in Maharashtra for nearly 8,31,075 students found weak in reading, writing and simple arithmetic in local self-government schools. This programme is being conducted within the school hours. For holidays and Sundays, schools have been authorized to engage volunteers, for the purpose.

Kasturba Gandhi girls residential schools

4855. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi girls residential schools started so far in the backward taluks of Karnataka;

- (b) the number of such schools sanctioned during 2004-05; and
- (c) the amount of grant released to the State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) 58 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya residential schools for girls at upper primary level, have been sanctioned to Karnataka during 2004-05 and an amount of Rs. 845.47 lakhs has been released by Government of India for implementation of the Scheme. The State Government implements the scheme.

Courses designed by NCERT

4856. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has designed courses for students who have dropped out of the schools in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details of such bridge courses for rural students;
- (c) whether NCERT had held any discussions with the CBSE to allow lower attendance for students in rural areas who have dropped out for various reasons;
- (d) if so, the suggestions made by CBSE to the NCERT in such matters; and
- (e) the details of the steps proposed by NCERT to get back students, who have dropped out in rural areas, to schools and education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Mainstreaming of dropout children is facilitated through bridge courses which have to be context specific. The NCERT has not designed specific courses for such students who have dropped out of the schools in rural areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) School dropouts in rural areas are brought back to centres run under the Scheme "Alternative and Innovative Education" available in the States. The NCERT provides training and material for key functionaries and education volunteers working for these centres.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.