

- (viii) Awareness generation and social mobilisation programmes to combat sexual exploitation of women and girls to be encouraged through NGOs.
- (ix) Rescue and rehabilitation programmes for girls lured into prostitution and in trafficking may be provided.

Annual Report for 2002-03 does not contain any chapter on 'Conclusions and Recommendations'.

Through its various programmes, the Commission has been striving to sensitise the media, the State Governments and various Government agencies like police, health authorities, etc. to combat the social evils like child marriages, dowry deaths, molestation, rape, sexual harassment at workplace etc.

Urdu teachers in Bihar

4823. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Urdu teachers in Bihar;
- (b) the number of posts of Urdu teachers lying vacant in the State;
- (c) the steps being taken to fill up those vacancies; and
- (d) whether more posts of Urdu teachers would be created to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to State Government of Bihar, the number of Elementary Urdu teachers is 8059 and secondary Urdu teachers is 2255.

(b) The total number of posts of Urdu teachers lying vacant are 3089 and 596 in Elementary Schools and Secondary Schools respectively.

(c) Since Patna High Court has quashed the existing recruitment rules for Elementary School Urdu teachers, the vacancies could not be filled up. However, the State Government filed the SLP in hon'ble Supreme Court. An interim stay has been granted by the Supreme Court. As regards Secondary school Urdu teachers, the State Government of Bihar is first contemplating amending the existing rules to bring it in line with NCTE regulations before filling up the vacancies.

(d) Yes, Sir.