

• **Participation of NGOs in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

1278. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGO's are participating in progressing Government's "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan";

(b) if so, the criteria and method for appointing such NGO's;

(c) whether there has been inadequate publicity given to "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" such that NGO's are not aware of the programme;

(d) whether there have been complaints of inordinate delays in allotment of Government funds to NGO's for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) Registered NGOs of atleast 3 years standing are undertaking activities under various components of the "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan". A Grant-in-aid Committee (GIAC) at State level, after due appraisal of the proposal and capacity of the NGO, considers and approves projects.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been seeking to build public awareness through both the electronic and print media. Details of the SSA Programme are available on the Ministry of Human Resource Development's website.

Closure of Fourth Section in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1279. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas plan to close down the fourth section ("D" section) of each class, though these were recently opened to cater for increased demands for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what plans are being formulated to meet the increased demands for admission?