

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Out of 38560 posts of primary school teachers borne on the state budget of the Government of Punjab, 13835 posts are presently lying vacant. In addition, 142 posts of primary school -teachers created under the centrally sponsored Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme are presently vacant.

(b) and (c) The Government of India have repeatedly urged the Government of Punjab to fill up these vacant teacher positions, at the earliest.

#### **Review of National Education Policy**

\*373. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a review of the National Education Policy;

(b) the States which have framed their own Education Policy; and

(c) whether his Ministry has examined/scrutinised the Education Policy documents of the State Governments to detect any possible violations of the National Education Policy therein?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The question of review of the extant National Policy on Education (NPE), which was based on an in-depth review of the whole gamut of education situation and formulated on the basis of a national consensus, enunciates a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in the country in its entirety, has not been taken up so far. Although the NPE provides for review of the implementation of various parameters every five years, it does not provide for the formulation of individual State Education Policies. As such, part (c) of the question does not arise.