

**Inclusion of contributions of freedom fighters of Assam in  
CBSE curriculum**

3042. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether contributions and sacrifices of Kanaklata, Kushal Kunwar, Maniram Dewan and other forefront freedom fighters of Assam to the freedom movement of the country are represented in CBSE curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any representation has been received for inclusion of these martyrs' contribution to India's freedom movement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the list and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (e) As far as the CBSE is concerned, the Board does not prepare the curriculum for classes I-VIII. The schools affiliated to the Board are directed to follow the curriculum prescribed by National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for these classes. The board prescribes curriculum from classes IX-XII which is based on the NCF-2005 by NCERT and prescribes the textbooks prepared by NCERT for these classes.

The present History textbooks of NCERT, prepared by a team of experts, focus on a close study of some selected themes. These themes have been selected in such a way that they cover developments in different spheres; economic, social, political and cultural from different parts of the country. This has been done with a view to ensuring that understanding does not suffer as a result of obsession with details. The contributions of the freedom fighters mentioned do not find a mention in the NCERT textbooks.

**Minimum wages for cook-cum-helpers**

3043. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to notify minimum wages for the cook-cum-helpers engaged in schools covered under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme;

(b) whether any State Government has already notified minimum wages for the cook-cum-helpers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Mid Day Meal Scheme Guidelines, as revised from 01.12.2009, provide for payment of honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per month to each cook-cum-helper engaged by States/UTs which is shared between the Centre and NER States on 90:10 basis and with other States/UTs on 75:25 basis. The Scheme does not provide for payment of minimum wages to cook-cum-helpers by States/UTs, since this is a part time job.

#### **Setting up of Model schools in Madhya Pradesh**

3044. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up model schools in certain educationally backward blocks under PPP mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the blocks identified for the purpose in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the time by when these model schools are likely to be functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Component of the Model School Scheme for setting up of 2,500 model schools under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks which are not educationally backward has been approved by the Government and implementation of the same has been initiated from 2012-13. A total of 3,203 blocks in the country have been identified for this purpose. Out of these blocks, 112 blocks are located in Madhya Pradesh, names of which are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) 2,500 model schools under PPP mode are proposed to be set in next three years *i.e.* 500 schools in 2012-13 and 1,000 schools each in 2013-14 and 2014-15.