

Forcing of student to drink urine

858. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a class V student of Patha Bhawan School of famous Visva Bharati University of Shantiniketan in Bolpur District, West Bengal was forced to drink her urine as a punishment for bed-wetting;

(b) if so, the name and designation of officer of the school who is responsible for this inhuman act;

(c) whether any enquiry has been constituted in this regard by the school management/the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per information received from Visva-Bharati, a student of Class V at Patha Bhavana, a school under the management of Viswa-Bharati, and residing at Karabi Girls' Hostel, was asked to lick her salt sprinkled urine-soaked bed sheet by the Matron of the Hostel, as a therapy for the girl's problem of frequent bed-wetting.

(b) Ms. Uma Poddar, Assistant Superintendent (Matron) and Shrimati Sandhya Khan, Sevika of Karabi Hostel were found to be responsible for the above act.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Enquiry Committee has found that the above-named two persons were involved in the incident. The University has placed Ms. Uma Poddar, Assistant Superintendent (Matron) and Shrimati Sandhya Khan, Sevika of Karabi Hostel under suspension and disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against them.

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†859. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for progress of Hindi in non-Hindi regions; and

(b) the measures taken by Government for establishing Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University at Kolkata?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) has been established to promote and propagate Hindi as well as

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