

School and college buildings in Himachal Pradesh

†569. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of such Government schools and colleges in Himachal Pradesh whose buildings are in dilapidated condition, district-wise;

(b) by when the buildings of these schools and colleges would be repaired or new buildings constructed in their place;

(c) whether Central Government has received any proposal for opening of new schools and colleges from the Government of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) A total of 9 schools in Himachal Pradesh and 2 colleges have been reported by the State to be in a dilapidated condition as per the following details:—

District	No. of schools	No. of colleges
Shimla	8	1
Kinnaur	1	1

Budget for six schools of Shimla and one school of Kinnaur has been allocated. Construction work of the college in Kinnaur is in progress.

(c) and (d) A proposal for opening of 81 new primary schools and 77 upper primary schools in 10 districts has been received from the State under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, while 4 proposals for the establishment of model degree college in 4 districts have also been received.

Preservation and protection of dialects and languages

†570. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for preservation, promotion and scripting of

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the dialects/languages particularly Garhwali, Kumaoni, Bhot and Nagami, popular in Uttarakhand, Ladakh and North East; and

(b) the plan of Government for preserving dialects and languages of rural, hilly and border areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Sir, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore of this Ministry through the 'North East Languages Development' Scheme and the 'Centre for Tribal and Endangered Languages', works for the preservation, promotion and scripting of all the dialects/languages spoken in India including those in Uttarakhand, Ladakh and North East. The Sahitya Akademi under the Ministry of Culture through its North East Centre for Oral Literature at Agartala is also working for the cause of promotion and upliftment of languages which are not formally recognized by it including Garhwali, Kumaoni, Bhot and Nagami. Further, the Akademi also gives Bhasha Samman in these languages and holds workshops, seminars and brings out related publications.

(b) The Government, through the CIIL, Mysore under the scheme "Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages" has taken steps to preserve and protect 520 most endangered languages/mother tongues during the Twelfth Five Year Plan and the remaining during the Thirteenth Plan.

Crimes against women in trains

†571. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women are not safe in trains;

(b) the number of complaints registered against railway TTEs, Police and Armed Forces personnel regarding eve-teasing and sexual exploitation of women in trains; and

(c) the number of cases of killing and jumping out from moving trains by women to protect their dignity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

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