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RAJYA SABHA

**International Education Fair**

1221. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently the International Education Fair was held in New Delhi; if so, the details of the discussion that took place in the event;

(b) how the Fair would help the country in spreading awareness by providing proper guidance and an accurate and up to date information on different professional courses and career options; and

(c) the details of the benefits derived with the participation in this Fair?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No International Education Fair has been organised by this Ministry in New Delhi recently.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Impact of Operation Black Board**

1222. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's Mission 'Operation Black Board' is a total failure in Assam;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that all the teachers under OBB have not received their monthly salaries since the year 2002, particularly in Assam; and

(c) if so, what is the Government's initiative in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central assistance for teachers' posts supported under Operation Black Board Scheme during the IXth Plan period ceased at the end of that period (i.e. from 31.3.02) and has become the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, Central Government has decided as a special case, that for North Eastern States, including Assam, assistance for salaries of teachers supported during IXth Plan under Operation Black Board (OBB)