

(b) to (e) The outreach activities are planned every year on assessment of requirements. They are undertaken from the funds allocated for the model rehabilitation camps.

Survey by NUEPA

†*220. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of survey conducted by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA);

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are not serious regarding the target of total literacy;

(d) if not, who is responsible for the said situation; and

(e) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In recent years, the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), formerly the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), has conducted only one survey, namely the District Information System for Education (DISE). Data collected through DISE as on 30.9.2005 have been published by NUEPA in their Report titled, "Elementary Education in India: Analytical Report 2005-06". The data collected under DISE reveals that there is consistent improvement in facilities in the schools as well as increase in enrolment and girls' enrolment in particular.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Adult literacy is being promoted through the National Literacy Mission which is imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates. So far various literacy programmes have covered 597 districts out of 600 districts. In addition, the Central Government in collaboration with the State Governments is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for universalisation of elementary education in the age group of 6-14 years. A Plan allocation of Rs.18,626 crores and Rs.401 crores has been made for Elementary Education and Adult Education respectively for the current year of 2007-08. A total allocation of Rs.32,354.22 crores has been made for the Ministry of Human Resource Development during the current year 2007-08 as against Rs.24,114.98 crores for the year 2006-07. The literacy rate in the country has gone up from 18.3% in 1951 to 67.3% in 2005.

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