

Exodus of educationists and teachers

†1573. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme to check the exodus of educationists and teachers from the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Corporal punishment in schools

†1574. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, since some time back, many incidents of corporal punishment in schools have been noticed and if so, the details thereof and the number of death incidents occurred therein;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the States have not abolished the system of corporal punishment in schools; and

(c) the policy of Government in this regard and the steps to be taken by Government to abolish the system of corporal punishment in schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Some sporadic instances of corporal punishment in schools have been reported in the media recently. National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992, *inter alia*, provides that 'corporal punishment will be firmly excluded from the educational system'. Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited in schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Whenever any case of corporal punishment is brought to the notice of autonomous organisations in charge of the school, action is initiated against the persons responsible. Education being a concurrent subject, States follow their own policy in respect of schools under the purview of the State Governments and information on corporal punishment is not centrally maintained.

Public expenditure on education

1575. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commitment of the National Common Minimum Programme to raise public expenditure on education to 6 per cent of the GDP has not been fulfilled even after three years;

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