

(b) if so, the districts proposed to be covered under the programme; and

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated by the Central Government for the purpose and by whom the teaching work is to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) The Project Approval Committee (PAC) of National Literacy Mission in its meeting held on 20.10.2003 at Srinagar approved the launching of Total Literacy Campaign projects in six districts of Jammu & Kashmir namely Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Srinagar with a total budget of Rs. 10.84 crores to make 8.47 lakhs persons literate. Out of the total budget of Rs. 10.84 crores, the share of the Central Government in Rs. 7.23 crores and the State Government share is Rs. 3.61 crore.

The teaching work for implementation of the Programme will be undertaken by the volunteers to be identified by the Zilla Saksharta Samities of the respective districts.

#### **Strengthening of education system**

1159. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country can create 40 million jobs worldwide in the next two decades in various IT and manufacturing sectors if our education system concentrates on improving skills and technical training; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government for strengthening education by improving skills and technical training based value added education services to our younger generation so that unemployment problem should not increase further in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): ) (a) and (b) Task Force on HRD in IT has estimated a requirement of nearly 22 lakhs IT professionals by 2008. For accelerating

the pace of Information Technology, Central Government has laid down policy framework for education and research in engineering technology in the country. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been approving proposals for setting up of technical institutions to cater to various sectors including manufacturing and infrastructure sector.

In 1997-98 the sanctioned intake in AICTE approved degree level Engineering Institutions was 134298, which rose to 380803 in the year 2003-04. Apart from various schemes of AICTE for improvement of quality and skill of technical teachers, regional Boards of Apprentice Training (BOAT) are constantly in touch with the establishments and State Governments for training of freshly passed out graduate engineers, diploma engineers and + 2 vocational candidates for practical on the job training. As per the report of the Task Force the existing intake capacity and trends towards increase in intake capacity in other educational institutions would adequately meet the projected requirements. Government has launched CLASS (Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools) Scheme in schools, especially those schools that cater to the vast under privileged majority of the country. University Grants Commission has also been assisting universities and colleges for development of computer education, upgradation/augmentation of computer facilities by implementing various schemes and programmes. Even in non-formal sector, institutions accredited with DOEACC Society under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology impart skill-based training.

**Common All India entrance for computer application courses**

1160. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce a common All India entrance list for computer application courses (MCA); and

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme and its implications?