

Government schools without buildings in Delhi

†1402. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the separate numbers of Government Schools, which do not have buildings of their own and being run in the open space in the capital of the country as on 30th July, 2003; and

(b) the steps taken, so far, by Government for construction of buildings for the primary schools, providing electricity and drinking water facilities and mid-day meals to the children in the schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) As informed by Govt. of NCT of Delhi, NDMC, MCD & KVS, there is no Govt. School in Delhi which is being run in open space as on 30th July, 2003. However, there are 53 Schools under MCD running in rented buildings and equal number of schools are running in tents. 15 schools under Govt. of NCT of Delhi are running in Tin Sheds.

(b) As intimated by MCD, construction of school buildings on tented sites is a continuing process and new schools are initially run in tents and subsequently converted into Pucca Building. Electricity, Drinking Water & Mid Day Meal is being provided in MCD schools.

Works undertaken by Indian Council for Philosophical Research

1403. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken by the Indian Council for Philosophical Research, a constituent of the Ministry, during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Council has been able to serve the purpose for which it has been set up;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any review of the activities of the Council has been undertaken or proposed to be undertaken;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the manner in which Government propose to revamp the functioning of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) has informed that following activities were undertaken by it during the last 3 years:—

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| (i) Fellowships awarded | 109 |
| (ii) Seminars organised | 58 |
| (iii) Financial assistance provided to universities and institutions for organising seminars | 43 |
| (iv) Refresher courses organised | 11 |
| (v) Workshops organised | 9 |
| (vi) Annual lectures organised | 8 |
| (vii) Essay competition cum young scholars seminars organised | 4 |
| (viii) Fellow's Meets organised for reviewing the research work | 3 |
| (ix) International conference of Indian Philosophy, Science & Culture organised in March, 2003 in New Delhi. | |
| (x) Two major projects : (a) Philosophy of value oriented education; and (b) Philosophy of Consciousness were undertaken. | |

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- (xi) Travel grants provided to six scholars.
- (xii) Under the Cultural Exchange Programme 5 scholars were deputed and one scholar invited from abroad.
- (xiii) 14 books, 9 monographs and 13 issues of Journal of ICPR (JICPR) were published.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. In September 2002, a Peer Review Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. D.P. Chattopadhyaya reviewed the activities of ICPR. Important recommendations of the Peer Review Committee, in brief, are as under:-

- i) The Council has adequately created infrastructure, programmes and activities which are appropriate to its objectives as contained in its Memorandum of Association.
- ii) The Council can be expected to make greater contribution so that the Indian message to itself and to the world, which is both spiritual and philosophical as also interdisciplinary and integral, is emphasised for purposes of the achievement of the aims of human welfare.
- iii) ICPR should continue to function as an autonomous organisation and to fulfil its interdisciplinary character; it should develop larger relationships with sister Councils and learned bodies of the country and the world.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Quality education year

1404. SHRI N.R. DASARI:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the year 2002-2003 was observed as "Quality Education Year"; and