

scheme of Modernisation of Madarsa Education for teachers salary for teaching modern subjects such as Mathematics, Science, English, Hindi, Social Studies etc. The Ministry has no direct link with any individual institution/trust madarasas.

(b) Financial assistance is given as per the provisions of the scheme Rs. 201.08 lakh, and Rs. 539.11 lakh have been released during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, respectively. No grant has been released for the current year so far.

(c) Yes, Sir. The National Council for Promotion of Urdu Languages (NCPUL) one of the autonomous body of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has a scheme relating to computer and IT education in Urdu speaking areas. Under the scheme, 11 computer applications and Multilingual DTP centres have been established so far in various Madarasas.

### **Night shelters for women**

3240. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to financially assist the States for construction of night shelters for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA) : (a) and (b) The centrally sponsored Night Shelter Scheme for urban footpath dwellers is in operation since 1988-89. The scheme is demand driven. As and when any project/proposal is received from States, the same is considered as per the guidelines. The Central subsidy to the implementing agency is released through HUDCO. The Scheme provides for separate Night Shelter for men and women.

(c) Does not arise.