

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The initiatives of the government to spread literacy and education in the country include:

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan with the following objectives:

- All children in school, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternate School, 'Back to School' camp by 2003.
- All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007.
- All children complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010.
- Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.
- Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010.
- Universal retention by 2010.

The adult literacy schemes of the National Literacy Mission which provide functional literacy to non literates in the age group of 15-35 years. While basic literacy is imparted under Total Literacy Campaigns and Post Literacy Programmes, life long learning opportunities are provided under the Continuing Education Programme.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Central School at Madurai

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

(a) whether any demand has been raised to open another Central School at Madurai; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) There is a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Madurai (Tamil Nadu) to cater to the educational needs of transferable Central Government Employees including defence personnel and para-military forces. There is no proposal from any Central Government Establishment at Madurai to open another Kendriya Vidyalaya there.

Construction of school under SSA

†616. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of schools for which construction work under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' has been completed by the department so far;

(b) whether Government have information with regard to scams under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan'; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The number of buildings for new schools and additional classrooms in existing schools sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is 44422 and 96404 respectively. The construction work of these Schools is at various stages of completion.

(b) and (c) The Government has no information about any scam under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

Powers to NCW

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

(a) whether it is proposed to empower National Commission for Women with judicial powers or empower them with same powers as National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

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