

[25 July, 2003]

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Lohaghat (Champavat) but District Administration did not respond to reference from KVS in this regard. They have further informed that one Kendriya Vidyalaya at Ranikhet is already functioning.

Corruption in Child Development Projects

†624. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Bhrastachar key sikanje mei jakdi Bal Vikas Pariyojna, appeared in the media;

(b) if so, whether Government have got the cases of corruption investigated by senior honest official;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) when the review of the utility of the Child Development Projects have been conducted by Government and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The news-item which appeared in Jansatta Express dated 10th May 2003 (Lucknow edition) related to irregularities/corruption in ICDS projects in Sitapur District.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally sponsored Scheme wherein Central Government is responsible for programme planning and operating costs and State Governments are responsible for implementation of the Scheme and for providing supplementary nutrition out of States' resources.

As this falls within their purview, the State Government has been requested to take appropriate action in the matter.

(d) National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) conducted a nationwide evaluation of ICDS Scheme in 1998-99, covering nearly 60,000 Anganwadi Centres in all the States. This survey revealed significant impact of the Scheme;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1000 live births was lower in ICDS areas as compared to ICDS plus Non ICDS areas (NFHS-I & II) in all States except Bihar.

More than 74% of the children were immunized against the six major diseases, namely, polio, diphtheria, pertusis, tetanus, measles and tuberculosis.

On an average about 90% of women who had reported child birth during last one year received Tetanus Toxoid vaccination.

Anganwadi Centres have played a significant role in creating awareness about ante-natal care.

Nearly 43% of beneficiary women had availed of health checkup and 24% of women had availed of referral services.

Community leaders were generally satisfied about the functioning of the Anganwadi Centres and found the programme beneficial to the community.

Sub-standard technical courses by foreign colleges

625. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many foreign colleges and institutes running in the country that are providing sub-standard technical courses that might not be recognized even in their own country;

(b) if so, the number of such colleges/institutions running in the country offering sub-standard courses;

(c) how many such colleges/institutions the AICTE will clamp down; and

(d) how many foreign colleges/institutes have applied for fresh approval with AICTE till date?