

**Take-over of madarsas**

†2850. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over madarsas in the country, to improve their conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Informal education in Jharkhand**

2851. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any funds/assistance to Jharkhand under informal education scheme, during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Non-Formal Education (NFE), the undivided State of Bihar (including areas falling now in Jharkhand ) was provided with financial assistance during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for running of Non-Formal Education centre for "out-of school" children in the age-group 6—14. This scheme came to a close on 31-3-2001. A major

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portion of the NFE Scheme was run by the State Governments which set up NFE centres. One component of this scheme provided grants to Voluntary Agencies or Non-Governmental Organisation direct from the Central Government for running Non-Formal Education centres.

(b) The details of financial assistance given to the undivided State of Bihar in the last two years is indicated below:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
Government of Bihar	1513.82	1677.22
Voluntary Agencies (in undivided Bihar State)	207.29	409.23

**Master's Degree Programme in IIT, Kharagpur**

**2852. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Master's Degree Programme in Medical Science and Technology was introduced last year in the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur; and

(b) whether such degree programme would be introduced in other IITs?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) are institutes of national importance established by an Act of Parliament. The Act