

Navodaya Colleges

* 389. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up Navodaya Colleges in the country, on the lines of Navodaya Vidyalayas;
- (b) if so the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Clause 5.26 of the National Policy on Education lays down that in view of the need to effect an all round improvement in the institutions, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions. Therefore, there is no proposal on the part of the Government to set up Navodaya Colleges in the Country.

Conservation of coastal and marine environment

* 390. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to prepare an action plan for conservation of coastal and marine environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of achievements made by Government in this field during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Ministry of Environment and Forests launched a Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs in 1986. On the recommendations of the National