

Rs. 4526.75 crores was made for the Mid-day Meal Scheme. The allocation for the year 2000-2001 has been fixed at Rs. 3608.75 crores, which is 25% more than the expenditure for the year 1999-2000.

Expenditure for hundred per cent Elementary Education

3698. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 2135 and 2140, given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 2000 and state the expenditure likely to be incurred on the programme to achieve 100 per cent (from the current 70 per cent) elementary education for children between 6 and 14 years of age, by the year 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): According to broad assessments made by this Ministry, additional resources of about Rs.60,000 crores are required from the budgets of the Central and State Governments over the next ten years. Since this is a programme for Universalisation of Elementary Education, the actual requirement of funds can only be worked out after the District Elementary Education Plans are finalised.

Mahajan Committee Report on KVS

3699. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether acceptance of recommendations of Baldev Mahajan Committee by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's Board of Governors has had any impact on the freezing of class-sections and determination of staff-strength of Kendriya Vidyalayas,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan decided to recommend to the Government to keep the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's budget

flexible. For the present there is no impact on freezing of sections and determination of staff strength.

Karnataka's proposal for improvement of Science Education

3700. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal for clearance of IX phase proposals under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of improvement of Science Education; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government has requested the Central Government to accord sanction for Rs. 700 lakhs for the implementation in IX Phase; and

(c) whether sanction has been accorded and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 700 lakhs under CSS "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" for purchase of science kits, library books and setting up of 310 science laboratories, upgradation of 510 existing laboratories, supply of science kits in 5,000 schools, providing library books in 820 schools etc. under its IXth Phase.

(c) No, Sir. It has been found on examination of the proposal that 793 Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools have been covered twice earlier under the scheme. The State Government has been requested to furnish clarifications and additional information in this regard.

Irregularities in appointment in Gandhigram University

3701. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kural Extension and Evaluation Cell of Gandhigram University appointed one Research Officer without minimum qualifications prescribed for the post;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a three member Committee