

long term training in gymnastics.

(b) 64 children were called for the Assessment Camp, of whom 33 were selected for long term training. The parents of the remaining 31 children have thereafter blocked the activities and the functioning of the gymnasium, insisting upon the inclusion of their children.

Since this is a Scheme geared towards promoting excellence among talented young sportspersons of potential, who would one day represent India at International levels, no compromise on the standards of selection can be permitted.

However, in order to satisfy the parents of these 31 children, a re-assessment by a foreign coach has been ordered.

(c) No steps for improving the functioning of the gymnasium were required. However, the situation has been defused by action taken as mentioned in part (b) above and by visits of SAI officers, who have talked to the concerned parents and officials.

(d) The proposed allocation for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 12 lakhs.

Teacher in A & N Island Administration

4128. SHRIMANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of teachers in primary, middle, high schools and senior schools created by the Government for the Government Schools in Andaman and Nicobar Islands category-wise;

(b) whether any proposal from Andaman and Nicobar Administration for the creation of posts of teachers is lying pending; and

(c) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Schools Run by A & N Islands

4129. SHRIMANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government schools run by Andaman and Nicobar Administration;

(b) the number of primary, middle, high school and senior secondary schools separately;

(c) the actual requirement of teachers as per the norms of such schools category-wise; and

(d) the action contemplated by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration to fulfil all the posts of teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Spread of Vedic Mathematics

4130. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend promoting the spread of vedic mathematics in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this direction and the planning for future; and

(c) whether the usefulness of vedic mathematics is being recognized by foreign countries; if so, the names of these countries and the manner in which they are adopting the use of vedic mathematics particularly in functioning of the computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government with the help of the Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan an autonomous organisation under the Ministry, has organised:

- Two Workshop and Round Table discussion respectively at Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Delhi.
- A training camps for schools teachers from the southern states, at Tirupati,
- A conference-cum-workshop at Bangalore in joint collaboration between Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan and Abhivan Vidya Bharati,
- Assigned a fellowship to schools teacher for further research in Vedic Mathematics,
- Commissioned a few scholars to write books on Vedic Mathematics; and
- Included Lecturer in Vedic Mathematics in the NCERT's teachers

training programme and workshop on enrichment material.

- Further programme include, a regular programme of training for schools teachers in various parts of the country, a workshop on application of Vedic Mathematics on computers and financial support to various projects on Vedic Mathematics.

(c) Yes, Sir, the Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan has reported that School of Economics Sciences and St. James School, London in the U.K. have shown interest in Vedic Mathematics, but no information is available on use of Vedic Mathematics in functioning of computers.

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Mountaineering Training Institutes

4131. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Mountaineering Training Institutes in the country with location thereof;

(b) the amount sanctioned to each Institute by Government during 1990-91;

(c) the number of trainees trained in the year 1989-90 by these institutes;

(d) whether Madhya Pradesh Adventure and Exploration Institute has sought grants from Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the amount proposed to be granted to the said Institute?