(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Children in Navodaya Vidyalayas

2103. KUMARI UMABHARATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 256 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established in various States/UTs which are pace-setting and have been established to serve the talented children largely from rural areas;

(b) if so, what sort of pace has been established by these schools in each State; and

(c) the State-wise percentage of the children from rural areas in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-OGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Two Hundred and Sixty one (261) Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established. The objective was to have pacesetting schools to serve talented children largely from rural areas. The performance of these schools has not been evaluated. It is proposed to now review the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme based on the experience so far.

(c) State-wise percentage of children from rural areas is given in the attached statement.

| SI. No | State/UT | Percentage of students admitted from rural areas |
|--------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 01. | Andhra Pradesh | 76.64% |
| 02. | Arunachal Pradesh | 94.12% |
| 03. | Bihar | 77.43% |
| 04. | Goa | 74.69% |
| 05. | Gujarat | 77.08% |
| 0 6 . | Haryana | 77.09% |
| 07. | Himachal Pradesh | 79.63% |
| 08. | Jammu & Kashmir | 80,72% |
| 09. | Karnataka | 77.41% |
| 10. | Kerala | 77.89% |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | . 73.60% |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 2 . | Ma harashtra | 76.80% |
| 13. | Manipur | 82.1 8% |
| 14. | Meghalaya | 90.78% |
| 15. | Mizoram | 92.54% |
| 16. | Nagaland | 75.00% |
| 17. | Orissa | 79.24% |
| 18. | Punjab | 79.11% |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 77.24% |
| 20 . | Sikkim | 100% |
| 21. | Tripura | 80.62% |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 75.30% |
| 23. | Andaman & Nicobar | 88.98% |
| 24. | Chandigarh** | 66.12% |
| 25 . | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 88.36% |
| 26. | Daman & Diu | 80.98% |
| 27. | Delhi | 79.71% |
| 28. | Lakshadweep | 100% |
| 29. | Pondicherry | 75.16% |
| | Total : | 77.52% |

Note: **In the case of Chandigarh, sufficient number of rural candidates are not available.