

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) the University Grants Commission has taken action on the main recommendations as contained in Chapter VIII of the Report of the National Commission on Teachers II as indicated in the attached statement.

(b) to (e). The Chattopadhyay Commission (NCT-I) had made in all 138 recommendations. A few of these were general observations which the Government have taken due note of. Some other recommendations, were of a specific character and these have been examined and acted upon to the extent possible, even where where they could not be accepted in toto they have been a major input into the decisions taken, e.g. in the matter of pay scale and service conditions of teachers. A third group of recommendations are covered in the National Policy of Education and the Programme of Action thereunder, and are at various stages of implementation. As these are of a long-term nature, it is difficult to fix a specific time frame for their implementation.

STATEMENT

The University Grants Commission has taken action on the main recommendations as contained in Chapter-VIII of the Report of the National Commission on Teachers-II, as broadly indicated below:-

Curricula- The UGC has taken up a programme of developing curriculum in different subject are as through Curriculum Development Centres in order to excellence in teaching at Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate level. The Reports on Curriculum Development in 27 subjects have already been prepared and circulated to the Universities for adoption.

Minimum Standards- The UGC has issued Regulations under the University

Grants Commission Act, laying down minimum standards of instructions for first degree level education.

Autonomy to Seated Colleges-The UGC is implementing a Scheme of Autonomous Colleges in pursuance of the NPE, 1986.

Distance learning and Television Programme: The UGC is broadcasting television programmes (country-wise Classroom Project) through the Doordarshan Network. Government have also set up the Indira Gandhi National Open University for coordination and promotion of Distance Education.

Management of Universities - The recommendations of the Committee set up by the Commission under the Chairmanship of Prof. A Gnanam on Alternate Models of University Management are being processed for submission to C.A.B.E.

Living and Working Conditions of Teachers- The pay scales and other conditions of service of teachers have been comprehensively revised effective from 1986 on the basis of the recommendations of the Mehrotra Committee.

Work Environment and Professional Excellence-The UGC has already circulated guidelines for performance appraisal, of teachers and also a code of professional ethics for adoption by the Universities. The Commission has also set up a large number of Academic Staff Colleges for induction and in-service training of teachers

Frequency of Ahinsa Express

8259. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ahinsa Express from Pune to Ahmedabad is provided with the rake of Jhelum Express and both the trains get late

several times as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide separate rake for Ahinsa Express and increase the frequency of the train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) shortage of Coaches and non-availability of terminal facilities at Pune 40/142-210

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to maintain a separate rake for Ahinsa Express.

(c) Feasibility of delinking the rakes and increase in its frequency shall be appropriately considered on improvement of resource position.

Birth Rate

8260. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Crude Birth Rate (CBR) is higher in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh than the National average;

(b) whether the Crude Birth Rate is lower in Andhra Pradesh as compared with National average;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide incentives to those States where Crude Birth Rate are lower than the national average; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The latest available estimates of Crude Birth Rate (Provisional for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and All India, as made available from Sample Registration System for the year 1990 are given below;

				<i>Crude Birth Rate (Provisional) 1990 (Per 1000 copulation)</i>
Uttar Pradesh	..	..	..	35.7
Bihar	..	..	..	32.9
Madhya Pradesh	..	..	..	36.9
Rajasthan	..	..	..	33.1
Andhra Pradesh	..	..	..	25.6
India	.	..	..	29.9