

child, identified the challenges for the 1990s and outlined the strategies for meeting those challenges. These were in the areas of awareness generation, sensitisation to gender issues, literacy and education, employment, health, care of the girl child/ adolescent girls, follow-up of World Summit for children, institutional mechanisms and networking and support services.

(c) Government is conscious of all the existing imbalances in the situation of women and is taking necessary remedial measures and interventions through various development programmes to correct those imbalances with the ultimate objective of mainstreaming women in national development.

Inter-State Trading in Foodgrains

4131. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of foodgrains are abnormally high in major wheat and rice producing states;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce inter-State trading in foodgrains eliminating the middlemen; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, sir, The open market prices of foodgrains are higher in major wheat and rice producing States as compared to the prices thereof a year ago.

(b) There is no proposal to introduce inter-State trading in foodgrains.

(c) Does not arise.

Grants-in-Aid to Assam Sahitya Sabha

4132. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grants-in-aid-provided to voluntary organisations including Assam Sahitya Sabha for the development of the Assamese language and literature;

(b) whether the Government have any check on their working; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE)(KUMARI SELJA): (a) In the year 1991-92 a grant of Rs. 26,464/- was extended to the Assam Sahitya Sabha for publication of a book in Assamese language, entitled, "Folk Tales of the World" under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Publication of Books in Indian Languages and English on the recommendation of the Government of Assam and the Grants-in-Aid Committee in the Ministry.

(b) and (c). The grant being for specific purpose, the question of exercising any check on the working of the Organisation did not arise.

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Conversion of Railway Lines

4133. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
 PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:
 SHRI K. PRADHANI:
 DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI:
 SHRI GOPI NATH