

MR. SPEAKER : No, madam. This kind of question cannot be replied to while replying to a question because it has to be considered by the Cabinet and other Ministries also. I would not expect him to reply.

[Translation]

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI : Mr. Speaker, sir, today in the country thousands of women are compelled to flesh trade due to poverty and disregard. There are numerous social conditions which compel them to take shelter of prostitution. I suppose they are in millions in the country. Every metropolitan city has a red light area for this purpose. Is National Commission for women preparing any perspective plan for removing this problem and the salvation of these women and whether they have recommended them to the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : He has already replied this.

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Mr. Speaker, sir, through you, I would like to know whether Government would take some steps to give chairman of National Commission for women the status at par with that of chairman of Backward Class Commission, who has got the Cabinet rank, to make it powerful and effective as women constitute fifty percent of the society and their participation in every walk of life is increasing day by day.

MR. SPEAKER : He has replied this also.

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Mr. Speaker, sir, whether Government has any plan to arrange for the livelihood to give priority in service to afflicted women?

MR. SPEAKER : The question of rehabilitation has also been replied.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Science Education

*561. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced any special programme under the promotion of Science Education in the country with special reference to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made during the last two years under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). There is a general Centrally-sponsored scheme for "Improvement of Science Education in Schools", which applies to the whole country. Under the Scheme, States/Union Territories are provided financial

assistance for purposes like provision of science laboratories, supply of books on science related subjects, training of science and mathematics teachers, assistance to voluntary agencies for conduct of experimental and innovative programmes etc.

There is no special programme for Madhya Pradesh.

(c) During the last two years, the physical achievement has been the creation of facilities in the various schools in the country as follows :

	1993-94	1994-95
(i) Number of schools to whom science kits supplied	5756	6852
(ii) Number of schools where Science laboratories upgraded/strengthened	3914	3163
(iii) Number of schools where library books supplied	3874	2969

Student-Teacher Ratio in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*564. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the approved student-teacher ratio in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether student-teacher ratio in each of the Kendriya Vidyalaya situated in Delhi is in consonance with the approved ratio;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make the teacher-student ratio as per the norms?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :

(a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has not prescribed any norm for teacher-student ratio.

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

(d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan sanctions additional schools and sections with adequate staff to accommodate all the students on its rolls.

Vacancies of Teachers in Navodaya Vidyalayas

*565. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA :

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether many posts of teachers are lying vacant in Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of post lying vacant during last three years; and

(d) the time by which these vacancies will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main reasons were paucity of residential accommodation for teachers and inadequate availability of suitable candidates for reserved posts.

(c) 1630, 1201 and 1647 teaching posts were vacant in 1992, 1993 and 1994 respectively.

(d) Filling up of vacancies is a continuing process which we are trying to expedite.

Essay Competition

*566. SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Adult Education conducts National Competitions like poster competition, photo competition and essay competition;

(b) whether it is mandatory for the participants in essay competition to write essay in Hindi and English only;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to see that participants may write essays in any of the languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(e) The financial assistance/incentives proposed to be granted by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e). The scheme as of now is of experimental nature. Therefore, the conduct of Essay Competition is limited to the two official languages of the Government of India.

Need Based Vocational Courses

*567. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN :
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposed to develop need-based vocational courses;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the response received from Industrial Organisations in this regard; and

(d) by when such courses are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the on-going centrally sponsored scheme of vocational education, 151 such courses are being conducted.

(c) Industrial organisations and professionals are associated in design and conduct of vocational courses.

(d) Such vocational courses are already being conducted.

Konkan Railway Corporation

*568. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation has paid compensation to all the land-owners on the Khed-Chiplun track whose lands were acquired for the Railway purpose;

(b) if not, the number of land-owners and the total amount of compensation not paid so far;

(c) whether the compensation paid was not at the prescribed rate; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C K JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) 5330 land owners are yet to be paid compensation amounting to Rs. 3.38 crores.

(c) and (d). The compensation is being paid in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 by the State Government.

B.O.L.T. Scheme

*569. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE . Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the domestic and foreign companies that have shown interest in the Railway telecom upgradation and modernisation programme under its build-own-lead-transfer (BOLT) scheme; and

(b) the criteria laid down for implementing the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Three Railway Projects concerning Railway Telecommunications were covered in an advertisement in a number of National Dailies dated 20.11.94 for execution under the BOLT Scheme. Though many Firms made personal contacts to enquire, only the following firms showed interest through further written correspondence :

- (1) Indian Overseas Corporation
- (2) Sterling Transtel Limited
- (3) Adino Telecom Limited
- (4) Himachal Futuristic Communications Limited
- (5) Telecommunications Consultants India Limited
- (6) Hughes Escorts Communications Limited