

potential, a two-tier institutional mechanism consisting of an Apex Body headed by Secretary (DP&S) and three discipline-wise Functional Groups have been in existence since 1985. The meetings of these bodies, of which major associations of trade and industry are members, provide an effective forum for exchange of views between the users, the suppliers and the inspection authorities.

3. With a view to encouraging greater participation of civil sector units by recognising the endeavour put in by them in meeting defence requirements of equipment and stores which are currently being imported, a scheme of National Award for excellence in indigenisation was introduced from the year 1993-94. The awards for the year 1994-95 were presented to seven firms on 18 July, 1996.

4. In order to give a further thrust to the participation of the private sector and specifically the small industry sector in the development of defence equipment a time bound Action Plan in association with Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industry) was drawn up by the Department during 1994. As part of the Action Plan three day workshop/exhibitions were organized at nine different industry centres spread over the country. The response of the small scale entrepreneurs to this programme was very encouraging. As a result of this Action Plan over 300 small scale units have been added to the list of registered suppliers for defence equipment.

[English]

Road Accidents in U.P.

2846. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of road accidents occurred and the number of persons killed in the hilly districts of U.P. during the last six months;

(b) whether the Government have given compensation to the near relative of the persons killed in such road accidents;

(c) whether the Government ensure that the compensation actually reach the relatives of the victims of road accidents;

(d) whether the Government propose to widen the roads and take steps to prevent recurring such accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Youth Hostel in Karnataka

2847. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to construct atleast one Youth Hostel in each District in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many such Youth Hostels were constructed during 1995-96;

(c) the amount of assistance provided for the purpose during 1995-96 to Karnataka;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a Youth Hostel constructed in Honnali taluk in Shimoga Distt., Karnataka remains unutilised though construction had been completed;

(e) the number of places in Karnataka proposed to be covered under the above scheme during 1996-97; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above. However, two Youth Hostels, one each at Mysore and Hassan are already functional. One Youth Hostel at Tirtharameswara is under construction. Further, one Youth Hostel each at Sogalu and Karwar has been approved, in principle, for construction.

(c) Nil. For setting up of Youth Hostels, land is provided by the State Government and construction taken care of by the Central Govt. through CPWD.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Nil.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Mid Day Meal Scheme

2848. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH :
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SHRI RAM SAGAR :

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

(a) the number of schools in the country where mid-day-meal scheme has been introduced so far, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of raw/cooked/baked food being given to the children;

(c) whether the introduction of the scheme has increased the attendance of students in schools;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce it compulsorily in all the primary schools in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, popularly known as Mid-Day-Meal Scheme, is intended to cover all children in primary classes (I-V) in all Government aided schools in the country by 1997-98. During 1996-97, 4426 blocks in the country comprising 5.57 crores primary school children are being covered under the programme. State-wise details are given in the attached statement.

(b) Under the Programme, each student of primary classes (I-V) is to be provided hot cooked meal of calorific value of 100 gms. of wheat or rice.

(c) to (e). The initial feedback indicates improvement in school attendance. The programme is to be implemented in a phased manner to cover all primary school children in Government, Government aided and local body schools by 1997-98.

STATEMENT

State-wise details of primary school children being covered during 1996-97 under the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education.

S. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of Distt.	No. of Blocks	No. of Beneficiaries.
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	330	4913852
2.	Arunchal Pradesh	12	56	96934
3.	Assam	23	157	2093846
4.	Bihar	50	715	6125567
5.	Goa	2	3	3508
6.	Gujarat	18	138	1753695
7.	Haryana	16	88	1172399
8.	Himachal Pradesh	10	33	303895
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14	121	620364
10.	Karnataka	18	147	3701781
11.	Kerala	7	21	314576
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45	453	7429866
13.	Maharashtra	27	200	4297718
14.	Manipur	7	25	137631
15.	Meghalaya	7	32	218581
16.	Mizoram	3	20	96748
17.	Nagaland	7	28	97335

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Orissa	27	235	2220702
19.	Punjab	7	40	545284
20.	Rajasthan	31	237	3636521
21.	Sikkim	4	8	62122
22.	Tamil Nadu	20	185	1163122
23.	Tripura	4	27	379028
24.	Uttar Pradesh	66	889	9909644
25.	West Bengal	17	216	3637813
26.	A&N Islands	1	2	5483
27.	Chandigarh	1	1	64770
28.	D & N Haveli	1	1	24456
29.	Daman & Diu	2	2	8150
30.	Delhi	1	1	600000
31.	Lakshadweep	1	9	8786
32.	Pondicherry	4	6	46996
India		475	4426	55691153

[English]

Expenditure On MBBS And MD Students

2849. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on MBBS and MD students in Government Colleges;

(b) the part of this expenditure recovered by the students;

(c) the number of doctors out of them who have gone out of India during the last three years;

(d) whether Government propose to put a condition on those who study in Government Medical Colleges to work in rural and backward areas for certain period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). As per a study commissioned by the Medical Council of India, the cost of medical education per student ranges from Rs. 74,000/- to Rs. 1.78 lakhs per annum at Under-graduate level and Rs. 71,000/- to Rs. 1.46 lakhs per annum at Post-graduate level in Government medical colleges. The fee being charged for these courses from the students is very nominal.

(c) the number of doctors gone abroad during the last three years is as under :

1993	-	5989
1994	-	Figures not compiled
1995	-	Figures not compiled