

(b) Yes Sir. It is proposed to abolish manual handling of night soil and rehabilitate the liberated scavengers within a period of five Years.

(c) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for liberation of Scavengers is being implemented with the twin objective of (a) converting the existing household/community dry latrines into water borne latrines in selected medium and small towns and (b) rehabilitation of scavengers in the alternative dignified employment/occupations.

Increase in Allocation to Encourage Literacy

3343. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to enhance the percentage of amount to be spent on education to encourage the literacy programme ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Universalisation of elementary education, including non-formal education and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15—35 age group form an integral part of a larger programme for eradication of illiteracy in the country. Within the overall size of resources, the allocation for adult education and elementary education has continuously increased, particularly after the adoption of the National

Policy on Education, 1986 and Launching of the National Literacy Mission in May, 88. As against the Annual Plan allocation of Rs. 151.12 crores for adult education and Rs. 843.15 crores for elementary education during 1990-91 for the central and the state sectors taken together, the proposed/outlay for adult education and elementary education for 1991-92 is of the order of Rs. 178.75 crores and Rs. 1036.43 crores, respectively.;

[English]

Free and Compulsory Education to Children

3344. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY :

SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL :

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

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Union and State Governments during Seventh Five Year Plan to implement the 'Operation Blackboard' programme in the country;

(b) whether drop out rate in primary schools is very high in the country and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of drop out rate for the last three years, State-wise ; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to check drop out rate ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) An